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Gravedigger Ali Zayer-Daham walks through the unidentified bodies section of the Wadi al-Salam, or the Valley of Peace, cemetery in the Shiite holy city of Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad.

Burial ground for the missing

BY KIM GAMEL
The Associated Press

The graves stretch some 10 miles into the desert, in what may be the largest cemetery in the world. Near the center lie the older ones, packed closely together in a jumble of clay mounds and blue-domed mausoleums. Here is the final resting ground for those killed during Saddam Hussein's brutal regime or in the war against Iran and other cases and causes that date back centuries. In the outskirts of the cemetery, the city fades into the background and the graves grow farther apart. This area is for the newly dead, the ones killed in the violence that erupted after the U.S. occupied Iraq in 2003. It is also for the missing.

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8 U.S. troops killed in dual bombings in Afghanistan

BY TODD PITMAN
The Associated Press

KABUL — Eight American servicemembers were killed in two separate insurgent attacks Tuesday in southern Afghanistan, making October the deadliest month of the war for U.S. forces since the 2001 invasion to oust the Taliban.

In one of the insurgent assaults, seven Americans were killed while patrolling in armored vehicles, U.S. forces spokesman Lt. Col. Todd Vician said.

He said an Afghan civilian died in the same attack. The eighth American was killed in a separate attack elsewhere in the south, also while patrolling in a military vehicle, he said.

The military issued a statement saying the deaths occurred during "multiple, complex" bomb strikes. It said several troops were wounded and evacuated to a nearby medical facility but gave no other details.

Capt. Adam Weece, a spokesman for American forces in the south, said both attacks occurred in Kandahar province.

In Washington, a U.S. defense official said at least one was followed by an intense firefight with insurgents who attacked after an initial bomb went off.

The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information.

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October 2009
55 U.S. troops killed

IRAQ
November 2004
137 U.S. troops killed

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— Matthew Hoh, a former Marine captain who quit his State Department post to protest the Afghan war

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EU agrees to Afghan aid reboot

BY CONSTANT BRAND
The Associated Press

LUXEMBOURG — EU foreign ministers agreed Tuesday to overhaul Europe's joint civilian aid strategy in Afghanistan, promising to deliver better and more effective aid to stabilize the country.

Sweden's Foreign Minister Carl Bildt acknowledged the European Union's current aid plan is not working well amid widespread corruption and increased fighting between Taliban and insurgent forces against NATO troops.

"There has to be a new start," Bildt said. "There has to be a dedicated, credible reform strategy by the Afghan authorities."

The bloc's 27 foreign ministers backed a new strategy which holds Afghan officials to account in the use of European aid money.

The plan states the EU will help any credible government that emerges out of the Nov. 7 presidential runoff. The EU strategy focuses on improving human rights, education and the rule of law.

EU External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner said the EU's executive commission was drafting a "substantial" aid increase to bolster the new plan.

Officials said extra commission aid could amount to $300 million for Afghanistan and up to $111 million for Pakistan over the next three years.

The EU as a whole already spends some $1 billion a year in aid and development assistance in Afghanistan, and member states have spent more than $13 billion in aid to Afghanistan since 2002, mostly in propping up the government's finances and supporting U.N. projects.

European countries are wary, however, of increasing their aid efforts in Afghanistan amid allegations of fraud during the August elections, which is making it harder for EU leaders to sell to their voters why the bloc should help Afghanistan.

"What we have seen during in the last few months with the presidential election has led to a really sort of declining confidence both internally and externally in the mission in Afghanistan. That must repaired," Bildt said.

EU officials said the bloc could pay more into an international fund that pays for salaries of civil servants, police and soldiers, as well as coordinate new funding with the U.N. and the U.S. to persuade farmers not to grow poppies, used to make heroin.

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Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Jean Asselborn, center, speaks with Finland's Foreign Minister Alexander Stubb, second left, and Lithuania's Foreign Minister Vygaudas Usackas, second right, as Italy's Foreign Minister Franco Frattini, right, talks with Latvia's Foreign Minister Maris Riekstins before the European Union foreign ministers council in Luxembourg on Tuesday.

Attacks: 55 have been killed this month

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The deaths bring to 55 the total number of American troops killed in October in Afghanistan.

The previous high occurred in August, when 51 U.S. servicemembers died and the troubled nation held the first round of its presidential elections amid a wave of Taliban insurgent attacks.

"A loss like this is extremely difficult for the families as well as for those who served alongside these brave servicemembers," said Navy Capt. Jane Campbell, a military spokeswoman. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends who mourn their loss."

The loss of life followed one of the worst days of the war for U.S. forces in Afghanistan since they launched air strikes in 2001 to oust the Taliban from power.

On Monday, a U.S. military helicopter crashed returning from the scene of a firefight with suspected Taliban drug traffickers in western Afghanistan, killing 10 Americans including three Drug Enforcement Administration agents. In a separate crash the same day, four more U.S. troops were killed when two helicopters collided over southern Afghanistan.

U.S. military officials insisted neither crash was the result of hostile fire, although the Taliban claimed they shot down a U.S. helicopter in the western province of Badghis. The U.S. did not say where in western Afghanistan its helicopter went down, and no other aircraft were reported missing.

Bodies recovered from Army plane crash in Afghanistan

KABUL — NATO forces have recovered the remains of three American crew from the wreckage of a U.S. Army reconnaissance plane that crashed two weeks ago in the mountains of northeastern Afghanistan, the military said.

The Army C-12 Huron twin-engine turboprop had been missing since it crashed Oct. 13 in Nuristan province.

NATO said in a statement the incident is "under investigation, though hostile action is not believed to be the cause of the crash."

U.S. forces spokesman Col. Wayne Shanks said the crew were the only ones aboard when the craft went down.

From The Associated Press

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Afghan National Army soldiers gather as they prepare to go on patrol Tuesday in the Pech Valley of Afghanistan's Kunar province.

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On deadly day, momentum builds for troop increase in Afghanistan

BY LAURA KING, JULIAN E. BARNES AND PAUL RICHTER
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Momentum continued to build to send more troops to Afghanistan, even as the deaths of more than 20 Americans this week made October the deadliest month since the 2001 invasion.

Sen. John F. Kerry, D-Mass., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said in a Washington address Monday that he would support a decision by President Obama to "send some additional troops" provided improvements are made in Afghan troop training and government, and civilian aid efforts are increased.

Obama, speaking Monday to servicemembers in Jacksonville, Fla., promised his full support for all troops he sends into battle, as he continues to review his Afghanistan strategy.

"I will never rush the solemn decision of sending you into harm's way. I won't risk your lives unless it is absolutely necessary," Obama said. "And if it is necessary, we will back you up to the hilt."

The president acknowledged the deaths of 14 Americans in a pair of helicopter crashes in Afghanistan, the largest single-day loss of life for U.S. forces since June 2005, when 16 American troops died after their helicopter was shot down by insurgents.

Obama, speaking at the Naval Air Station in Jacksonville, said, "They were willing to risk their lives, in this case, to prevent Afghanistan from once again becoming a safe haven for al-Qaida and its extremist allies."

His speech came after a morning meeting with his war council as the broad outlines of an administration policy began taking shape.

On Tuesday, eight U.S. servicemembers were killed in a pair of attacks in southern Afghanistan, raising the October death toll to 55, four more than the previous high of 51 in August.

The administration is moving toward adoption of a broad counterinsurgency strategy, as officials increasingly reject calls for a more limited approach of military strikes against al-Qaida.

White House officials announced no decisions Monday, but signs have pointed to a likely troop increase.

The conditional backing by Kerry, one of the first Democrats to express reservations about a major troop buildup, came amid new impetus for an expanded counter-terrorism strategy, including an endorsement last week by America's North Atlantic Treaty Organization allies. The decision last week to hold a runoff in Afghanistan's presidential race, adding legitimacy to the next government in Kabul, also has boosted prospects for an approach requiring more troops.

Kerry's remarks signaled that he generally agrees the war should be fought as a counterinsurgency, in which foreign allies help protect the Afghan population while working to improve the government and economy.

But Kerry also said that a request by Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, the top U.S. and allied commander in Afghanistan, for 40,000 troops "reaches too far, too fast." Kerry suggested that he supports sending more troops, but perhaps fewer than the 40,000 requested by McChrystal.

The White House is considering other proposals that would send fewer troops, prioritize key population centers or emphasize training. But, the officials said, the alternative plans are fundamentally still counterinsurgency campaigns.

Although the White House appears to have settled on its top goals, officials still must decide how best to accomplish them. Meanwhile, a strategy review that was supposed to last a few weeks now appears likely to stretch into a third month, drawing criticism from Republicans.

"Unfortunately, the lack of decisiveness about how to best proceed is emboldening our enemies and endangering our troops and our friends," said Rep. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo..

U.S. deaths

Afghanistan and other areas

As of Monday, at least 807 members of the U.S. military had died in Afghanistan, Pakistan and Uzbekistan as a result of the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan in late 2001, according to the Defense Department. The department last updated its figures Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Outside the Afghan region, the Defense Department reports 72 more members of the U.S. military died in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

There were also four CIA officer deaths and one military civilian death.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- Seven soldiers died Monday when a helicopter went down in western Afghanistan after leaving the scene of a firefight.
- One soldier died Sunday in an improvised explosive attack in eastern Afghanistan.
- One soldier died Sunday of wounds sustained in an insurgent attack in eastern Afghanistan.

The latest identifications reported by the military, as of Tuesday afternoon:

Two soldiers died Friday in Afghanistan when enemy forces attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive.

Both were assigned to the 569th Mobility Augmentation Company, 4th Engineer Battalion, Fort Carson, Colo.

Killed were:

- Spc. Eric N. Lembke, 25, Tampa, Fla.
- Pfc. Kimble A. Han, 30, Lehi, Utah.

Four Marines died Monday in one of two deadly helicopter crashes in Afghanistan. All four were part of the I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Killed were:

- Cpl. Gregory M.W. Fleury, 23, of Anchorage, Alaska
- Capt. Eric A. Jones, 29, of Westchester, N.Y.
- Capt. David S. Mitchell, 30, of Loveland, Ohio
- Capt. Kyle R. Van De Giesen, 29, of North Attleboro, Mass.

From The Associated Press

Former Marine quits State post over Afghan war

BY KAREN DEYOUNG
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Matthew Hoh joined the Foreign Service early this year, he was exactly the kind of smart civil-military hybrid the administration was looking for to help expand its development efforts in Afghanistan.

A former Marine Corps captain with combat experience in Iraq, Hoh had also served in uniform at the Pentagon, and as a civilian in Iraq and at the State Department. By July, he was the senior U.S. civilian in Zabul province, a Taliban hotbed.

But last month, in a move that has sent ripples all the way to the White House, Hoh, 36, became the first U.S. official known to resign in protest over the Afghan war, which he had come to believe simply fueled the insurgency.

"I have lost understanding of and confidence in the strategic purposes of the United States' presence in Afghanistan," he wrote in a four-page letter to the department's head of personnel. "I have doubts and reservations about our current strategy and planned future strategy, but my resignation is based not upon how we are pursuing this war, but why and to what end."

The reaction to Hoh's letter was immediate. Senior U.S. officials, concerned that they would lose an outstanding officer and perhaps gain a prominent critic, appealed to him to stay. U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry offered him a job on his senior embassy staff. Hoh declined.

From there, Hoh was flown home for a face-to-face meeting with Richard Holbrooke, the administration's special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"We took his letter very seriously, because he was a good officer," Holbrooke said in an interview. "We all thought that given how serious his letter was, how much commitment there was, and his prior track record, we should pay close attention to him."

While he did not share Hoh's view that the war "wasn't worth the fight," Holbrooke said, "I agreed with much of his analysis."

He asked Hoh to join his team in Washington, saying that "if he really wanted to affect policy and help reduce the cost of the war on lives and treasure," why not be "inside the building, rather than outside, where you can get a lot of attention but you won't have the same political impact?"

Hoh accepted the argument and the job, but changed his mind a week later. "I recognize the career implications, but it wasn't the right thing to do," he said in an interview Friday, two days after his resignation became final.

"I'm not some peacenik, pot-smoking hippie who wants everyone to be in love," Hoh said. Although he said his time in Zabul was the "second-best job I've ever had," his dominant experience is from the Marines, where many of his closest friends still serve.

"There are plenty of dudes who need to be killed," he said of al-Qaida and the Taliban. "I was never more happy than when our Iraq team whacked a bunch of guys."

But many Afghans, he wrote in his resignation letter, are fighting the United States largely because its troops are there — a growing military presence in villages and valleys where outsiders, including other Afghans, are not welcome and where the U.S.-backed national government is rejected.

While terror groups need to be confronted, he said, the United States is asking its troops to die in Afghanistan for what is essentially a far-off civil war.

As the White House deliberates over whether to deploy more troops, Hoh said he decided to speak out publicly because "I want people in Iowa, people in Arkansas, people in Arizona, to call their congressman and say 'Listen, I don't think this is right.'"

Group: Attack's aim was 'dens of infidelity'

HADI MIZBAN/AP

A security guard inspects the damage at a day care center Tuesday near the Justice Ministry in Baghdad, which was hit by a suicide bomber Sunday.

Al-Qaida-linked militants claim they set off weekend bombings that killed more than 155

BY SINAN SALAHEDDIN
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — An al-Qaida-linked group claimed responsibility for the twin suicide bombings in the heart of Baghdad that killed at least 155 people as Iraq's political leadership on Tuesday stepped up efforts to agree on new voting guidelines ahead of January elections.

The militant group known as the Islamic State of Iraq said in a statement posted on the Internet late Monday that its "martyrs … targeted the dens of infidelity."

The attack Sunday in the heart of the Iraqi capital struck the Justice Ministry and the Baghdad Provincial Administration. It was Iraq's deadliest attack in two years, and it raised more fears about the country's ability to protect itself as it prepares for the January parliamentary elections and the U.S. military withdrawal.

Among the dead were two dozen children, killed on a bus that was leaving a day care center near the Justice Ministry at the time of the explosions, an official at the hospital where the bodies were brought said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The al-Qaida posting on Monday said the group's suicide bombers targeted the "pillars of the Safawi and rejectionist state in the land of caliphate," referring to the Shiite government in Baghdad and its close ally, Iran.

"One of these selected targets that were hit this time was the 'Ministry of Injustice and Oppression,' the so-called Ministry of Justice, along with the Baghdad Provincial Council," the militant statement said.

The same group also claimed responsibility for August bombings of two government ministries in Baghdad, when more than 100 people were killed.

Top officials, including the prime minister, the president and the parliament speaker pledged tighter security after the carnage in Baghdad. They also moved quickly to work out a deal with leaders of political parties on the new election law that will help hold the crucial nationwide vote on time.

The balloting is scheduled for Jan. 16.

Missing: Man's search for missing brothers ends at ancient cemetery

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Scattered among the marble tombstones are simple stone markers with numbers but no names, to show where the unidentified rest — about 22,000 of them, say cemetery officials. These are the ones who lie unclaimed, who died without a proper burial and ended up at the cemetery without their loved ones ever knowing.

It was here in the Wadi al-Salam, or the Valley of Peace cemetery, that refrigerator repairman Mahdi Jadoua Ahmed, 42, came looking for his two missing brothers.

Nobody knows just how many Iraqis went missing during the sectarian warfare that tore the country apart. But at least 17,477 unidentified bodies have been found since May 2005, according to an Associated Press tally based on reports from morgue and police officials.

Mahdi's search for his two missing brothers began nearly four years ago.

In December 2005, Mahdi's oldest brother Sami, 52, traveled from his hometown of Karbala to Baghdad with the dream of starting a business in Egypt. He planned to spend the night at a hotel and catch a flight to Cairo the next morning. His brother Adnan went along to see him off.

Four men in civilian clothes with police badges showed up at the hotel and told the clerk the Mahdis were being arrested.

It could have been a robbery — Sami had a large sum of money with him for his travels. Or it could have been militiamen loyal to cleric Muqtada al-Sadr — Sami used to work in the information office in the Higher Education Ministry and was a member of Saddam's ousted Baath Party. Also, the hotel where the brothers were kidnapped lay in the Shiite neighborhood of Kazamiyah, which was controlled by al-Sadr's forces.

After failing to hear from Sami and Adnan, Mahdi Jadoua Ahmed rushed to the hotel, where the clerk said police had led his brothers away.

So Mahdi went to the neighborhood police station, where officials said they knew nothing about the men's disappearance.

He traveled to the U.S. detention facility known as Camp Bucca in southern Iraq. The American guards said his two brothers were not there. He then went to the Baghdad prison controlled by the Iraqi Interior Ministry and got the same answer.

He went to the central Baghdad morgue, twice. But each time the morgue was crowded and he never got to see the pictures of dead bodies.

One police officer took $1,000 in return for a promise to reveal the whereabouts of the missing men, only to disappear before a scheduled meeting.

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Thousands of Iraqis disappeared during those years of chaos, either kidnapped for ransom or killed in sectarian warfare. People were snatched from buses, stores and fake checkpoints, often in broad daylight. Dozens of bullet-riddled bodies were found on the streets and in the river every day, lacking any identification because their documents were taken as trophies.

The central morgue in Baghdad has received nearly 30,000 bodies in the past three years, says Dr. Munjid Salahuddin, the director of the Institute for Forensic Medicine. Ninety percent of those received in 2006 were unidentified, compared with 50 percent in 2007 and 15 percent in 2008, he says.

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In March, Mahdi Jadoua Ahmed finally felt safe enough to go back to the Baghdad morgue, along with another brother and Adnan's wife. They flipped through dozens of photos before Adnan's picture appeared, followed moments later by Sami's. Both men had been killed with a single bullet hole in their heads. Bruising showed Adnan also had been beaten.

When the family members saw the pictures, they started to cry. Adnan's wife beat her chest and head. The other brother fainted.

Morgue officials said they had been found by authorities near Sadr City three days after their disappearance. Morgue officials gave him the numbers of the graves and the caretaker's name and phone number.

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The Wadi al-Salam is next to the shrine of the Imam Ali, who was believed by Shiites to be the rightful successor to the Prophet Muhammad and was killed in the seventh century. It holds the remains of centuries of mostly Shiites who wanted to be buried near one of their holiest saints.

The main undertakers for unidentified bodies in Najaf are a father-and-son team. At the height of the violence, they sometimes worked until midnight to bury the scores of bodies brought in weekly in refrigerated trucks — more than 100 a week in 2006 and 2007.

Ali Zayer-Daham, 34, and his father, Sadiq, washed the bodies according to Islamic custom. But sometimes only a prayer was possible because the remains were so badly decomposed.

Now the number of bodies coming in is a trickle, down to a total of nearly 40 this year. The men keep busy finding the graves for relatives — about 15 per month now, up from seven per month in past years.

Many of the families are Shiites. Sunnis also are frequently identified among the victims in the 15 sections of unidentified graves, but Zayer-Daham acknowledges that their families are often still too afraid to travel to Najaf because it would require a trip through the Shiite heartland.

Mahdi, a Shiite, met Sadiq Zayer-Dahem at his dust-caked studio on March 29. They drove about 10 minutes to the graveyard. There, he knelt for the first time over the simple white stones that marked his brothers' graves — numbers 11233 and 11235. And he wept.

Mahdi has returned several times with other family members to light candles and spray rose-scented perfume on the graves, according to tradition.

"To know their fate and where their souls are resting is better than spending our whole life in anxiety," he says. "Their wives and children also can finally claim their inheritance."

MAYA ALLERUZZO/AP

Graves are packed closely together at the cemetery in Najaf, Iraq.

Army to lift boxing ban in South Korea

By Franklin Fisher
Stars and Stripes

PYEONGTAEK, South Korea — The U.S. Army in South Korea will lift its ban on boxing matches, but participants will have to follow several new safety rules, an Army spokesman said Tuesday.

The ban was imposed last fall after Army Pfc. Jason Price collapsed during a boxing match and later died.

The new rules will apply to all "high-risk contact" sporting competitions, including wrestling, mixed martial arts and tae kwon do.

The rules govern only soldiers and civilians assigned within 8th Army in South Korea and do not apply to regular unit martial arts training, said Maj. Jerome L. Pionk, an 8th Army spokesman in Seoul.

The new rules, which include mandatory physicals for competitors, give the Army in South Korea closer oversight in violent contact sports and will help screen those who are unfit for competition.

Until now, boxing matches and similar events were staged at the discretion of sponsors — Army athletic directors, sports and recreation coordinators, or even individual military units, Pionk said.

"Part of the problem was that a lot of these events were off-duty activities," Pionk said. "What 8th Army has essentially done is taken these things back and said, 'Our soldiers are going to have to do a little bit more if they want to participate.'"

An official policy letter spelling out details of the new rules will go out next week to all 8th Army units and organizations, Pionk said.

Price, 21, was pronounced dead on Sept. 27, 2008, at the 121st Combat Support Hospital at Yongsan Garrison in Seoul. He was flown there by medevac helicopter after collapsing in the ring at Camp Casey during a boxing tournament.

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Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Two servicemembers fight during an August 2007 boxing match at Kunsan Air Base, South Korea.

New rules for fighting

Eighth U.S. Army is putting in several new requirements for boxing matches and other high-risk contact sports. Among the new rules:

- Soldiers must pass a thorough sports physical exam within 30 days of taking part in a competition. The exam must be carried out by a physician or physician's assistant at an Army health facility that has immediate access to the soldier's medical records. Soldiers will also have to pass an abbreviated pre-fight exam the day of the competition, a requirement that was already in place.
- Soldiers must receive permission from their units to participate.
- Officials may only hold competitions at places within a 20-minute drive from a health facility able to treat severe injuries, including blunt trauma head injuries.

Source: 8th U.S. Army

General predicts Afghan IED use to rise

By Jeff Schogol
Stars and Stripes

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — IED attacks in Afghanistan have gone up along with the troop levels and likely will continue to increase if more U.S. forces are sent there, the head of the Joint IED Defeat Organization said on Tuesday.

There were 860 IED incidents in September, down slightly from more than 1,000 in July, but significantly higher than the 352 incidents in September 2008, according to information provided by JIEDDO.

While the vast majority of IEDs were either ineffective or cleared ahead of time, there were still 106 effective attacks in September compared with 38 effective attacks a year ago.

The number of U.S. forces in Afghanistan has nearly doubled this year to 68,000, and the White House is considering a request from the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan for more than 40,000 additional troops.

JIEDDO Director Lt. Gen. Thomas Metz said he thinks IED attacks would continue to increase if the U.S. sent more troops to Afghanistan.

"Just as we found in [Regional Command-South], the enemy had a lot of time to put a lot of IEDs in and we have bumped into a lot of them," Metz said. "The enemy's having to replace them, and that's taking time and energy and money, and the fight's on."

Metz, who will retire on Nov. 13, attributed the slight decrease in recent months to the fact that all the extra troops already approved for Afghanistan have arrived are learning the terrain. Still, he acknowledged that the ratio of IED incidents to casualties has remained fairly steady in Afghanistan, compared with Iraq, where insurgents increasingly have to use more IEDs to inflict a single casualty.

JIEDDO is working on technology to find pressure plates and tripwires for IEDs, but ultimately, Metz said, it will take all of the elements of the counterinsurgency strategy to reduce IED attacks in Afghanistan.

"Getting good governance and getting the economy and getting essential services and taking care of the people — there's a flow of all this to counterinsurgency, and we won't step out and defeat the IED all by itself without the other things coming along," he said.

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Sports channel to honor veterans

ESPN plans to honor veterans with a week of programming starting Nov. 4 called "America's Heroes: A Salute to Our Veterans," culminating in special "SportsCenter" programs from West Point on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, according to an ESPN release.

Segments will include:

- Army golf near Korea's Demilitarized Zone and how sports are used by wounded warriors in the rehabilitation process on "Outside the Lines."
- "Warrior Adventure Quest," an extreme sports-driven program that helps soldiers build spirit and deal with combat-related stress on the Spanish-language ESPN Deportes.
- Danielle Green-Byrd, former Notre Dame basketball player injured in Iraq, on "SportsCenter."
- What if baseball legends such as Ted Williams, a former Marine Corps pilot, never went to war? On "SportsCenter."
- Tim James, former NBA player now serving in Iraq, on "NBA Countdown."
- President Barack Obama salutes troops and veterans with a taped message, along with sports icons such as the NBA's LeBron James and Kobe Bryant, the NFL's Tom Brady and cycling star Lance Armstrong.

Check listings and air times by going to http://www.myAFN.net.

From staff reports

Photos by Crista Yazzie/Courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

Top: An Indian soldier prepares his advance during a training exercise with U.S. soldiers from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Below: U.S. Army Sgt. John Gentry during the exercise.

U.S., Indian drill hones skills for peacekeeping

Stars and Stripes

U.S. and Indian soldiers have been training together this month in India during Exercise Yudh Abhyas, an annual battalion-level exercise with a focus on peacekeeping operations.

Participants are from the Indian army's 7th Mechanized Infantry Battalion, 94th Armored Brigade, 31st Armored Division and the U.S. Army's 2nd Squadron, 14th Cavalry Regiment, 2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

The armies exchanged knowledge of tactics, techniques and procedures, and tried out each other's weapons and vehicles.

The Americans were also treated to a feast in honor of Diwali, the Indian festival of lights.

Yudh Abhyas 09 began Oct. 12 and is scheduled to end Thursday.

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Displaced tribesmen who fled from South Waziristan read pamphlets from Pakistan's army chief regarding the ongoing military offensive as they wait for food Tuesday in Dera Ismail Khan, Pakistan.

Pakistan pushing deeper into Taliban stronghold

The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's army pushed deeper into a Taliban sanctuary close to the Afghan border Tuesday, claiming to have killed 42 militants in the latest stage of an offensive against extremists blamed for relentless attacks in recent weeks.

In the capital, gunmen attacked a high-ranking Pakistani army officer in the second targeted shooting against top military brass in less than a week, part of a wave of violence sweeping the country in apparent retaliation for the 11-day-long offensive in South Waziristan.

The army officer, and his mother who was traveling with him, escaped unhurt from the assault in Islamabad.

An army statement said troops were progressing well on three fronts in South Waziristan but were meeting resistance.

It said that over the last 24 hours, at least 42 militants and one solider had been killed.

On Tuesday in Islamabad, gunmen attacked an army brigadier, equivalent to a brigadier general in the U.S. Army, as he was driving to a bank in a residential area.

Senior police officer Bin Yamin said the army officer, who was not identified, was not in uniform but was driving a government car. Such vehicles have official license plates that display an army insignia.

Reports: Ex-South Korean soldier defects to N. Korea

BY JAE-SOON CHANG
The Associated Press

SEOUL — A South Korean man defected to communist North Korea by crossing the heavily fortified frontier, Pyongyang's state media reported Tuesday — but it didn't say how he navigated a no man's land where guards can shoot to kill.

The case appeared to be a rare instance of a South Korean defecting to the impoverished North, though thousands have defected from North Korea to the South in recent years.

South Korea's military said it had found a fence cut open along the southeastern part of the Demilitarized Zone. It said the man identified by the North was a former soldier who had served in the area who is now wanted on assault charges.

Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency said the 30-year-old man, identified as Kang Tong Rim, crossed into North Korea on Monday and was in the country's "warm care."

The North Korean report did not say how Kang was able to make it across the Demilitarized Zone, which is guarded by hundreds of thousands of combat-ready troops on both sides.

The 2.5-mile-wide DMZ is also strewn with land mines and laced with barbed wire.

France convicts Church of Scientology of fraud

PARIS — A Paris court convicted the Church of Scientology of fraud and fined it more than 600,000 euros — approximately $900,000 — on Tuesday but stopped short of banning the group as prosecutors had demanded.

The group's French branch immediately announced it would appeal the verdict.

The court convicted the Church of Scientology's French office, its library and six of its leaders of organized fraud. Investigators said the group pressured members into paying large sums of money for questionable financial gain and used "commercial harassment" against recruits.

The group was fined $600,000 and the library $300,000. Four of the leaders were given suspended sentences of between 10 months and two years.

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October 31 at 1800 in the 3rd Floor Ballroom
Want something new this Halloween? Nothing scary about this, but it will be frightfully fun as Club Alliance and Armed Forces Entertainment brings you the soulful sounds of R&B artist Dwele. Authentic Soul food buffet, cash bar, and great music!

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OCTOBER 31 from 1700 to 2100
Delight your taste buds with a delicious garlic entrée on this special night! Why go all the way to Yokohama when affordable Garlic entrées are right at the gate.

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Yokosuka Jazz Band performs on October 31

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FACES

DJ Hero: DJ Z-Trip scratches to new video game

"DJ Hero," DJ Z-Trip nearly broke the upcoming rhythm video game.

For one of his musical contributions to the "Guitar Hero" offshoot, the mash-up maestro crafted a strand during his mix of Public Enemy's "Bring the Noise" and Justice's "Genesis" that would have required wannabe disc jockeys to scratch on the game's turntable-shaped controller for several seconds. The developers at FreeStyleGames told him it wasn't gonna happen.

"They were like, 'Yeah, we love that tune, but that moment where you are extending that scratch for those eight bars, we can't actually do that because the game will not allow it,'" said DJ Z-Trip. "You can't hold a scratch for that long. They had a laundry list of stuff you could and could not do because of the game's logistics, and that was one of them."

DJ Z-Trip — whose real name is Zach Sciacca — relished the task of creating three original tracks that would be both interesting to listen to and challenging to mimic. He's one of several DJs providing their mixes and likenesses to "DJ Hero," the Activision-published music game released this week for Xbox 360, PlayStation 2, PlayStation 3 and Wii.

"I've never made a song with gameplay in mind," said DJ Z-Trip. "That was a brand new concept to me where you have to make a song, have it sonically be something, if you close your eyes, that connects at all the right parts.

AP

Animated version of DJ Z-Trip stars in the Activision video game, "DJ Hero."

I had to really rethink about how to put in something that wasn't abstract and weird but would still work with the flow of the tune."

Unlike "Guitar Hero" or "Rock Band," which usually feature unaltered tunes, "DJ Hero" is comprised of more than 90 tracks mixed by DJs specifically for the game, such as a DJ Jazzy Jeff mash-up of LL Cool J's "Rock the Bells" and The Verve's "Bitter Sweet Symphony," and a mix of Bel Biv DeVoe's "Poison" and the Beastie Boys' "Intergalactic" by the late DJ AM.

Playalong music games continue to be a popular genre among gamers. Both "The Beatles: Rock Band" and "Guitar Hero 5" were among the top 10 best-selling games in September, according to market researcher NPD Group. Besides "DJ Hero," other rhythm games set for release this later this year include "Lego Rock Band," "Band Hero" and "Guitar Hero: Van Halen."

On the Net: www.djhero.com

— The Associated Press

Garth's still got it: Brooks' shows sell out

Garth Brooks mused that the public may have moved on when he announced he was coming out of retirement.

Was he ever wrong.

Tickets for Brooks' first 20 shows at the Wynn Las Vegas resort sold out in less than five hours. The resort said Saturday it reached maximum capacity for callers at 141,934, with many getting busy signals. Officials say the ticket Web site had more than 5.4 million page views with 40,000 waiting to buy tickets online at one point. Brooks announced a five-year deal with casino owner Steve Wynn last week that includes 15 weeks of shows a year in the Encore theater, which seats about 1,500. Tickets were $125 plus fees. Brooks, the best-selling solo act in history, plays Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays of select weeks beginning Dec. 11.

hot dish

Former Smiths frontman **Morrissey** was hospitalized in stable condition on Sunday after collapsing during a concert, a hospital spokeswoman said. The singer was recovering at the Great Western Hospital in the English city of Swindon after collapsing on Saturday night, the hospital said. A note on the 50-year-old singer's Web site thanked fans for their good wishes and said updates would be provided later.

Reality TV dad **Jon Gosselin** says he's returned $180,000 to a joint account he shares with his estranged wife Kate as the couple continues their bitter divorce battle. Gosselin says his wife, **Kate,** still has not explained how she spent $33,000 in joint funds.

The New York Yankees have been blasting **Jay-Z's** "Empire State of Mind" during their playoff run. Now, the team is having the rap king perform the song live to kick off Game 1 of the World Series. Jay-Z and fellow New Yorker **Alicia Keys** are set to perform the hit on Wednesday

A court commissioner on Friday dismissed criminal charges against **Kanye West** and his road manager stemming from their scuffle with photographers last year. Misdemeanor charges were filed after West and his manager were arrested on Sept. 11, 2008, after an altercation with two photographers at Los Angeles International Airport. The photographers and the rapper have reached civil settlements over the case.

Court records show **Justin Timberlake** has been granted a temporary restraining order against a woman his attorney described as an obsessed stalker. A Los Angeles judge granted the "SexyBack" singer a protective order against Karen J. McNeil on Friday. Timberlake's attorney describes her in court filings as a "mentally unstable celebrity stalker." The papers state McNeil, 48, was placed in protective psychiatric custody by police after she trespassed at the singer's home earlier this week.

— The Associated Press

BRIAN MARCUS, FRED MARCUS PHOTOGRAPHY/AP

JUST MARRIED

Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner were married on Sunday at Trump National Golf Club in Bedminster, N.J. Trump, 27, daughter of Donald Trump, is the co-host of "Celebrity Apprentice," and a vice president at her father's real estate company. Kushner, 28, is publisher of The New York Observer and an executive at the Kushner Companies, which owns and manages commercial real estate and apartments.

TREE LOVER

Madonna planted a tree at a ground-breaking ceremony for her Raising Malawi Academy for Girls in Malawi, on Monday. Madonna who is funding the building of the school was the guest of honor at the function. The 51-year-old celebrity arrived in the impoverished southern African country on Sunday. She was accompanied by her four children — daughters Lourdes and Mercy, and sons Rocco and David.

AP

ON DISPLAY

Rare Michael Jackson memorabilia, including the Norman Oak painting, above, of the artist dressed as a king, goes on display in London this week. The collection also includes one of the late singer's Rolls-Royces, some of his trademark gloves and sequined jackets and a contract from his early days with the Jackson 5. The exhibition at London's 02 Bubble arena includes more than 250 items from Jackson's personal estate. It includes a crystal-studded hat and other items never before shown to the public.

On the Net: www.theo2.co.uk/general/michael-jackson-the-official-exhibiti on.html

WIRED WORLD

Weighing in on 'net neutrality'

FCC vows to spell out rules; tech companies take up sides

BY MIKE ZAPLER
San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

Photo courtesy of the FCC; Illustration by Stars and Stripes

The Federal Communications Commission building in Washington. The FCC voted last week to decide on "net neutrality" rules for broadband and wireless Internet providers. Proponents of the rules, including Google and Yahoo!, argue discrimination could creep through network management without them, while companies such as Verizon and AT&T say they should be able to manage their networks for congestion.

WASHINGTON — The federal government is stepping squarely into a high-stakes technology battle with this seemingly straightforward question at its core: Should Internet providers such as Comcast and AT&T be allowed to control what you do online once you buy access to their networks?

If the answer seems obvious — of course they shouldn't — the debate hardly ends there. What if your activity online hogs so much bandwidth, like watching TV or downloading movies, that it slows your neighbor's Internet speed to a crawl?

Or what if the application you're using undercuts the Internet provider's business model? One example: Should AT&T be allowed to stop you from making free calls over the iPhone data network, bypassing the company's lucrative cell phone network?

Those are the kinds of vexing issues at play as the Federal Communications Commission assumes an enhanced role as Internet traffic cop. The goal, according to the commission's new chairman, Democrat Julius Genachowski, is to keep the Internet as open and accessible as possible for consumers and innovators.

"It's about fair rules of the road for companies that control access to the Internet," Genachowski said in a recent speech.

Last week, the five-member commission voted to take an initial step toward adopting so-called "net neutrality" rules, siding with top Silicon Valley content providers such as Google and Yahoo (which benefit from open access to the Internet) over telecommunications giants including AT&T and Verizon (which argue that they should maintain control over their networks after investing billions of dollars in them). In a significant shift, the rules would extend beyond wired broadband networks to the realm of wireless networks.

The debate reflects, in part, a philosophical divide over whether the Internet is predominantly a public forum or a commercial enterprise. Genachowski argues that it's the former, and he wants to put the legal onus on Internet service providers to defend any move to block access to an application in the name of keeping their networks unclogged.

The FCC in 2005 adopted four net neutrality principles. Genachowski's proposal would codify those principles, clarifying in much greater detail the types of behaviors that aren't allowed, and add two additional rules. One would prohibit Internet service providers from favoring some applications over others, while allowing them to "reasonably" manage their networks' Internet traffic. What constitutes reasonable is an open question and will likely be decided on a case-by-case basis.

The second new rule would force Internet service providers to disclose their network management practices to show they are not being discriminatory.

A few high-profile incidents have fueled the net neutrality debate. In 2007, Comcast was caught interfering with peer-to-peer transmissions of video and music over BitTorrent, a file-sharing application. The same year, Verizon rejected a request from the abortion-rights group NARAL to send text messages over its network. And in recent months, AT&T and Apple were criticized for prohibiting the use of free Internet calling services such as Skype on the iPhone.

In all three instances, the company flagged for alleged bad behavior reversed its stance within days or months.

"Show me where the concerns are," said Chris Guttman-McCabe, vice president of regulatory affairs for the wireless industry's trade group, CTIA, "and I would argue they are being addressed."

But Genachowski and other net neutrality backers say clear rules are needed to prevent the relatively few number of Internet service providers from tilting the Web in their favor before it happens. Most ISPs also sell TV or voice services — giving them an incentive to impede Web applications that compete with their own offerings, Genachowski said.

Tech bits

Too dirty: China bans pig pics

Last month, the Chinese government issued a sweeping directive: Beginning July 1, every personal computer sold in the country must include new software that filters pornography and other content from the view of China's 300 million Internet users.

Computer experts say the software, called Green Dam, is susceptible to hacking, crashes easily and is ineffective when used with a Firefox browser. Then there's the matter of naked pigs.

To determine whether a photograph is "pornographic," the system reportedly is designed to identify the proportion of skin color. White, pink and fleshy, therefore, is blocked by the software. Sorry pigs. You look too much like porn.

— GlobalPost

But how many times will the name change?

Chad Ochocinco is used to making news. Now, he's trying to break some.

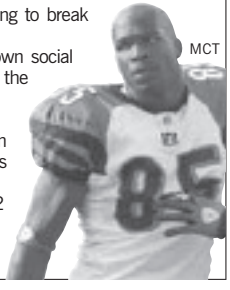
The Cincinnati Bengals receiver is planning to form his own social news network on Twitter. He's dubbed the venture OCNN, for the Ochocinco News Network, and he's even got a slogan.

"If I break it, you might as well believe it," Ochocinco said.

The receiver plans to operate like a reporter, getting tips from players on other teams. He also might get other NFL players involved in his reports.

"I am that source now," he said. "I'll be the leak for all 32 teams."

— The Associated Press



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YOUR MONEY

AP

Russ Conde, of Kingston, N.H., fills his truck with gas at a fueling station, in Waltham, Mass. Gas prices hit their summer peak of $2.6925 on June 21, but drivers could soon be paying more than that if prices continue inching upward.

Climbing gas prices could hurt consumer spending

BY DIRK LAMMERS
The Associated Press

Retail gas prices are spiking to levels last seen in the heat of summer driving season, raising fears that consumers could cut back on holiday spending.

But the crude rally propelling the jump at the pump hit the brakes Monday, as a barrel of oil tumbled more than 2 percent and the dollar strengthened after hitting a 14-month low.

The average price for a gallon of regular gasoline rose for the 13th straight day, adding sixth-tenths of a cent overnight to $2.671, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service.

That's still below what drivers were paying at this time last year, but the two-week jump could prompt consumers already dealing with a climbing unemployment rate, depreciating home prices and damaged 401k accounts to spend less over the holidays, said Ryan Sweet, a senior economist with Moody's Economy.com.

"If they're spending more money at the pump, they're going to be less willing to go out to the malls to spend frivolously," Sweet said.

Gas prices hit their summer peak of $2.6925 on June 21, but drivers could soon be paying more than that if prices continue inching upward. With fewer motorists on the road after summer's end, drivers typically get a break on prices this time of year.

"Until consumers are confident in their jobs and future income, they're going to be very hesitant in spending," Sweet said. "And higher gas prices are just another excuse to keep money in the pocket."

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Oct. 28)	89.00
South Korean won (Oct. 28)	1,158.00
Euro costs (Oct. 28)	$1.5258
Dollar buys (Oct. 28)	€ 0.6554
British pound (Oct. 28)	$1.68
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	$1.6365
Canada (Dollar)	1.0669
China (Yuan)	6.8305
Denmark (Krone)	5.0201
Egypt (Pound)	5.4670
Euro	$1.4829/0.6743
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7500
Hungary (Forint)	181.42
Israel (Shekel)	3.7180
Japan (Yen)	92.07
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2857
Norway (Krone)	5.6376
Philippines (Peso)	47.13
Poland (Zloty)	2.83
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3983
South Korea (Won)	1177.50
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0203
Thailand (Baht)	33.43
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4942

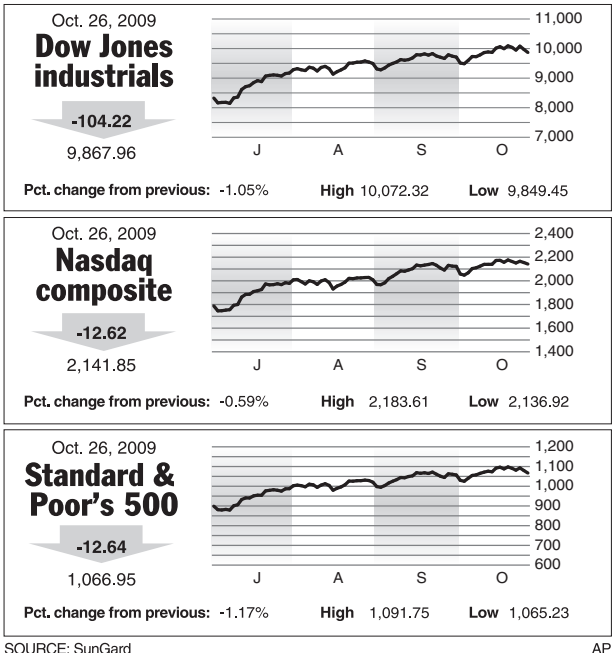
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.06
30-year bond	4.37

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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Q&A: Moving from the Army to civilian work

BY LIZ REYER
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

Question: I'm preparing to move from the U.S. Army into the civilian world. This task is daunting, and I need help figuring out what career field to move into and how to leverage my skills and experience in starting my new career. How might I find an accessible job market in which I will be successful?

Answer: You're facing a huge change that includes both what you do and what your workplace is like. Today's column focuses on selecting a career. A future column will address other aspects of returning to the civilian workforce.

Use the time before you're out of the military to prepare for your next career step.

The inner game

Tap into what you're good at, care about and enjoy doing to choose your next direction.

Look at the aspects of Army life that have worked well for you. Consider how you like the hierarchical "chain-of-command" system — do you hope to find that again, or do you want to escape from it? Look at the skills you've acquired, both technical and interpersonal, and ways they can be transferred into civilian settings.

In addition to your military experiences, think about other past jobs, volunteerism, school and hobbies. Notice the parts that really excite you. Also, write down what you would just as soon never do again.

Then put it together into jobs you could imagine having. In particular, consider the experiences you would have, the skills you would use and the contributions you would make. Create as long a list as you can of potential roles.

The outer game

To make these options more real, investigate the ones that are most interesting. Find people in fields you're interested in, starting with friends, family members, Army colleagues and people they know. Reach out to people you aren't acquainted with, too. In general, folks are flattered to be asked and will be generous with their time.

Research the skills, training and experience required or recommended. Use resources available through the Army; they are extensive and may save you lots of time and effort. Look elsewhere, such as at union or professional organization sites. Many have special programs for veterans and will be able to help you think through your career choices.

Don't delay. Use the time before you're out of the military to prepare for your next step, selecting a career, taking classes if needed and building connections with people in your desired new field.

The last word

Take charge and be the driver of your future. Clarify what you want and ask others for information and assistance; it'll make the next steps much easier to envision.

Motorcycle, scooter sales continue to run out of gas

Los Angeles Times

A year ago, it looked as if fuel-sipping motorcycles might be the option for motorists facing increasing gas prices. This year, little seems to be working for bike makers.

Sales of motorcycles plunged 38 percent in the third quarter from the same period a year ago, with the biggest drops coming in two of the industry's biggest product lines: cruisers and sport bikes, according to the Motorcycle Industry Council. Sales of scooters, which were gaining a year ago, also have fallen sharply.

The only bright spot was that sales are dropping at a slower pace: The number of bikes sold in the second quarter fell 53.5 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Historically, the second and third quarters are strong for the industry because the weather generally is warm and buyers are gearing up to ride.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

No fan of 'Obama's fan club'

In response to the Oct. 27 letter "Limbaugh, propaganda machine": Since it seems to be the letter writer's grand idea to pull Rush Limbaugh from American Forces Network's broadcast schedule, I propose we also pull Rachel Maddow, Keith Olbermann and all the rest of President Barack Obama's fan club claiming to be journalists from AFN as well.

This is because of the demoralizing claims that they have based their whole careers on whenever the president happens to be one they don't approve of — such as before the Iraq "surge," when the situation was at its worst.

While we're at it, we should also see about electing a new president in 2012, because it's also very demoralizing when our current commander in chief refuses to do what leaders do and give a forthright, yes-or-no answer to the troop increase request for Afghanistan. I also suggest to better improve morale at the front lines that we vote in a brand-new Congress in 2010 and 2012, since our current Congress wants to ramrod a socialist health care program down the throats of the American public — even though a full two-thirds of said public are either opposed to it outright or, at the very least, unsure of it.

Spc. Chris Poepl
Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

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Health care deficiencies real

I had to read the Oct. 27 letter on health care ("It's an individual 'responsibility'") a few times to see if I could detect an attempt at irony. As the beneficiary of free health care, the letter writer questions the need for health coverage for all citizens of our great country? Now I understand why this issue is generating so much debate.

If I compare the system of health care provided to the South Korean citizens to that provided to U.S. citizens, I wonder what is wrong with this picture? We are the number one country in the world, yet we can't provide basic health care at a reasonable cost (or free)? These are just a couple of questions of the many that exist in this discussion.

Paul Novak
Seoul

Several recipients not worthy

In response to the Oct. 28 letter "Nobel prize not a joke": If the writer had been referring to the prizes for chemistry or literature or physics or any of the other categories, I would agree 100 percent. But their peace prize is a sham, guided solely by European leftist politics.

Giving this prize to a murderous, thuggish terrorist such as Yassir Arafat? A joke. Giving it to a monumental hypocrite such as Al Gore for a shoddy documentary of pseudoscience? A joke. Giving a prize to someone who was eligible for 5 percent of the period covered by the award and who really accomplished nothing related to the award during that time? A joke.

I sincerely hope that our president makes strides toward peace during his tenure. But to honor him simply because he may possibly, against the odds, actually do that? A joke.

Senior Master Sgt. James King
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Men (and their enablers) behaving badly

BY SUSAN REIMER
The Baltimore Sun

In yet another example of powerful men behaving badly with female underlings, ESPN baseball analyst Steve Phillips admitted last week to having an affair with a 22-year-old production assistant at the network.

Unlike the even-more-powerful David Letterman, who admitted having affairs with women in his employ, Phillips was fired Monday by ESPN and has been served with divorce papers by his wife. It looks as if both CBS and Letterman's wife are sticking by the late-night host for the moment.

These young women seem to believe they are prized, valued or even loved.

Apparently, the learning curve is much steeper than we imagined in the matter of men having sex with female subordinates. Nobody seems to have retained anything from former President Bill Clinton's nasty go-round with impeachment, and men continue to assume that the office take-out menu includes the newest cute young thing.

The casting couch may not yet be in storage, but it is at least rewarding to see the steep price some of these guys are paying for their little harems.

Letterman was the object of a $2 million extortion plot and was forced to come clean in front of a national television audience that laughed awkwardly while waiting for the punch line.

Phillips' choice for a summer dalliance freaked out his wife, scaring her into a 911 call; stalked his son on Facebook; and wrote explicit letters about their sex, all of which are now part of the public record. (This is not the first such trouble for Phillips. He had to take a break as general manager of the New York Mets in 1998 when a series of extramarital affairs and accusations of sexual harassment caused him to seek counseling.)

Serves them right.

But if I am exasperated by the ego and entitlement of these men, I am also furious with these young women.

They seemed to have missed the memo saying that it is no longer necessary to sleep your way to the top. It remains an option, of course. Phillips' obsessed young lover, Brooke Hundley, wrote that she would do anything to make her way in television.

But it is no longer the only route, ladies. Your mothers and aunts took care of that.

Certainly, career advancement is a much less delusional motive for sleeping with the boss than believing you have found your soul mate in guy who thinks of you as one of his job perks, like a car and driver or new suits.

Unless Henry Kissinger was right and power is an aphrodisiac, it seems to me that any such affair is much less satisfying if you know he is always going to be on top, as it were. That you are a "temp" in the worst sense of the word.

Even if "your reputation" doesn't mean what it did 30 years ago, you risk an extraordinary kind of public humiliation when the affair goes viral. The New York Post will call you a "tubby temptress" and arrange all your stupid Facebook pictures in a slide show on its Web site.

Long ago, the sexual exploitation of disenfranchised young women by their employers was an ugly workplace reality, and those women had no recourse and no recompense.

But we had no illusions about the men who thought their name on the office door gave them the prerogative to call us in and close it.

What pains me when I see these stories unfold is this: These young women seem to believe they are prized, valued or even loved. Or worse, they actually believe that a sexual relationship between the powerful and the powerless can be consensual. All these years later, this is still what being used looks like.

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Doonesbury flashback

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

'Fierce urgency' for jobs, not health care

By Byron York
The Washington Examiner

How many times have you heard Barack Obama talk about "the fierce urgency of now"? The president has used the quote, from Martin Luther King Jr., to call for quick action on the war in Iraq, on global warming, on homelessness, on education — you name it.

Now Obama and his fellow Democrats are trying to convince the nation of the fiercely urgent need to enact national health care reform this very instant.

"We have been waiting for health reform since the days of Teddy Roosevelt," Obama told the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation last month. "We cannot wait any longer. ... There comes a time to remember the fierce urgency of right now."

But the American people simply do not share Obama's sense of urgency about health care reform. In a new poll, the Gallup organization asked the following question: "If Congress is going to reform the health care system, should Congress deal with health care reform on a gradual basis over several years, or should Congress try to pass a comprehensive health care reform plan this year?" Just 38 percent of those surveyed want reform now, versus a clear majority — 58 percent — who want reform on a gradual basis.

When you break down Gallup's results by political party, you see that Democrats are the only ones feeling any urgency at all. Fifty-nine percent of Democrats want reform now, but 77 percent of Republicans, and 63 percent of independents, want gradual reform. When it comes to health care reform, there is no fierce urgency of now.

The plain fact is, the public's top priority lies elsewhere. "The only issue that people have a sense of fierce urgency about right now is the economy and jobs," says Republican pollster David Winston. "The president is in an uphill battle to try to move the discussion to other topics."

It's not that people think health care is unimportant. They just think the economy and jobs are more important — far more important.

Obama knows that; that's why he tries to link health care and economic recovery, arguing that we can't have real recovery without health care reform. But people aren't buying it.

For a recent report to House Republican Leader John Boehner, Winston asked people to judge two different approaches to today's woes. The choice was between "Republicans who say Congress should be focusing on long-term policies that create jobs, like small business and family tax relief, and controlling federal spending to get our economy moving again," and "Democrats who say that health insurance reform is key to jump-starting the economy by expanding coverage to the uninsured, lowering costs, and restricting the worst insurance company practices, and we must get it done this year."

Fifty-four percent of respondents agreed with the Republican approach, versus 40 percent who agreed with the Democratic approach. That's not because they like Republicans better than Democrats — they don't — but because they want their leaders to directly address the economy and jobs.

Now, with Christina Romer, chairwoman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, conceding that unemployment, currently nearing 10 percent, is "likely to remain at severely elevated levels" through all of 2010, the contrast between the public's deep worries over jobs and the president's obsession with passing health care reform could not be more striking.

"There's a concern that the administration is off on the wrong topic," Winston says. "Americans are saying, 'What about the economy? What about jobs? Let's get that taken care of, and then we can address health care.'"

But Obama and his Democratic allies in Congress aren't answering. If you want to know why, just go back to that speech to the Congressional Black Caucus. National health care has been the holy grail of the Democratic Party for decades. At this moment, Democrats hold 256 seats in the House and 60 in the Senate, counting the two independents who generally vote with them. Most observers expect them to lose seats in November 2010, and much of next year to be consumed by midterm election campaigning. So there will never be a moment better than now for Obama and his party to achieve their long-cherished goal.

The problem is, the public believes there are more important things to do at this moment. If the president and his party ignore their wishes, the voters' next fiercely urgent priority might be defeating Democrats at election time.

Byron York is chief political correspondent for The Washington Examiner.

Mohammed case would put justice system on trial

By Andrew Cohen

Federal authorities did little to dispel reports that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the al-Qaida leader who allegedly helped plan the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, soon will be indicted in federal court in New York. If this occurs, we finally — after many false starts — will have a courtroom showdown deserving of the otherwise-overused label "trial of the century."

A public trial of Mohammed in Manhattan would challenge virtually every component of the U.S. legal and political system. It would have immense historical and diplomatic significance. But although the conclusion is relatively sure — few seriously following Mohammed's legal tangle believe that he would be acquitted — the manner in which his story will unfold from here remains a genuine mystery.

For example, a civilian trial for Mohammed would test the government's ability to introduce classified terror-related evidence to jurors in a case directly involving 9/11. The proceedings also could belatedly test the legal boundaries of the government's "enhanced interrogation techniques," which purportedly were used on the defendant. Nearly seven years of Bush administration military commissions have given us little more than a giant legal headache. No matter how bad it tastes going down, the dramatically styled case, United States vs. Mohammed, would be the cure.

A Mohammed trial in the heart of New York also would be an immense test of whichever trial court judge happens to hear it. With the world's attention on her or him, that judge would have to sift through novel detainee arguments, curb prejudicial pretrial publicity, control the defendant and ultimately render a proceeding worthy of our fealty to the Constitution. No judge in modern American history has faced such a challenge.

The Mohammed trial would be a deep challenge to his lawyers as well. If he doesn't succeed in firing them, which he already has tried to do, Mohammed's court-appointed attorneys would be caught between their client's extremist views, ambiguous legal precedent and the righteousness of the federal prosecutors. For Team Mohammed, it's really a no-win situation: how to represent in a capital case arguably the most vilified man to be brought to trial in the United States.

The proceedings also would test the defendant himself. Mohammed already has made it clear he has plenty to say. Would he boast of his work for al-Qaida? Would he complain about his confinement since his capture in 2003? What would it be like for New Yorkers when Mohammed speaks just a few blocks from where the World Trade Center stood? What would it have been like for Oklahomans if Timothy McVeigh had been allowed to stand in the dock down the street from the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building?

A trial for the once-upon-a-time "face of terror" also would challenge the media, especially New York's local media. The O.J. Simpson trial could seem like a high-school play compared with the coverage the Mohammed trial might generate. Would the lack of live, in-court television coverage curb the inherent sensationalism of the event? The U.S. criminal justice system has not yet been truly tested in the age of Twitter and Facebook and iPhones. This case would be that test.

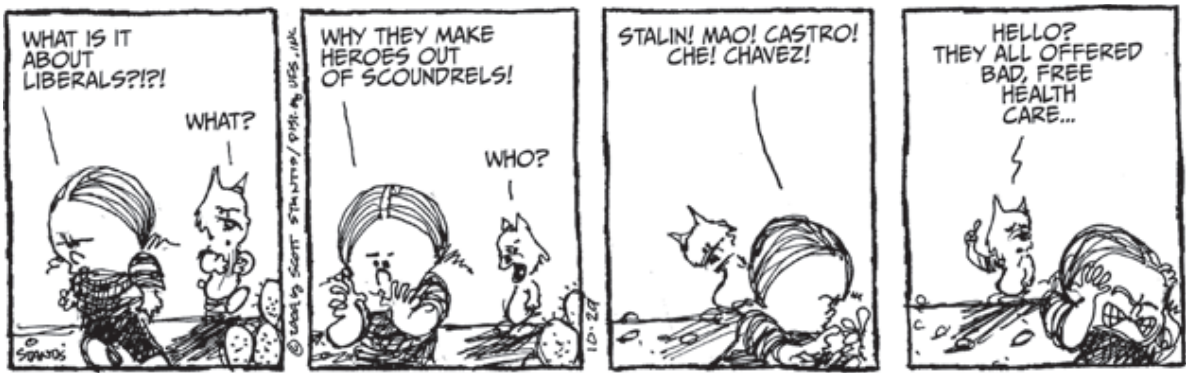
Finally, the Mohammed trial would be a test for all the rest of us. Could this nation, less than a decade after the worst attack on its soil since Pearl Harbor, ensure a semblance of a fair trial for one of the most important men accused of being responsible for that attack? Would we have the strength to show confidence in our rule of law? Or would we tacitly agree that whatever sort of justice he gets at whatever sort of trial would be more than what he deserves?

The Mohammed trial would be a battle between constitutional philosophies, political and military practicalities and prejudices, and human hearts and minds. I've covered every major trial in the United States over the past 13 years. This one has the elements and the potential to dwarf them all.

Andrew Cohen is CBS News' chief legal analyst and legal editor. This column first appeared in the Los Angeles Times.

Prickly City

By Scott Stantis



AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Family finds rabbits stabbed to death

TX SAN ANTONIO — Six Angora rabbits used to comfort cancer patients have been found stabbed to death in San Antonio.

Some of the slain rabbits were still in their cages. Other bodies were scattered around a yard.

Jose Gonzalez, 15, discovered the bodies; his family owned the rabbits, which also had been shown in competition.

Lupita Rocha said her brother, Pedro Gonzalez, used the rabbits during his job as a counselor for patients. Rocha said some of the long, soft fur was used by the family to crochet scarves for people with cancer.

More than a dozen Angora rabbits at the home were unharmed.

Turnpike accident spills raw meat on highway

MA WESTON — In Massachusetts, the answer to "Where's the beef?" is a toll plaza on the turnpike.

State police said a truck struck a toll booth and was rear-ended by another truck before both tipped over about 2:30 a.m. at a toll plaza in Weston, about 15 miles west of Boston. A third truck and a car were also involved.

Some slabs of beef that one of the trucks was transporting spilled onto the road.

Lt. David Wilson said a truck driver suffered minor injuries.

Turnpike Authority spokesman Colin Durrant said traffic was waved through the toll plaza without paying as the meaty mess was cleared.

The crash remains under investigation.

Parking meter deal a wise investment for city

IL CHICAGO — Chicago is cashing in on its much-criticized parking meter deal.

The city has seen a 26 percent spike in the number of parking meter violations, which has brought in $7 million more in revenue.

That's according to city records provided to the Chicago Tribune in response to a Freedom of Information Act request.

Records show about 327,650 tickets were issued in the first eight months of the year for expired meters or overstaying a pay-and-display spot. That's up from fewer than 260,000 tickets during the same period in 2008.

Chicago Department of Revenue spokesman Ed Walsh said the area in and near Chicago's Loop accounted for 50 percent of the increase.

A deal that privatized Chicago's meters took effect in February amid a public outcry over the rates, which quadrupled in some areas.

Woman will pursue complaint over ticket

TX DALLAS — A Dallas woman who got a ticket in part for being a "non-English speaking driver" has said she wants a deeper investigation and to be reimbursed for a $5,000 hospital stay.

Ernestina Mondragon has said that she wants a bigger apology beyond the one Chief David Kunkle issued for the Oct. 2 incident in which a rookie officer gave her a ticket for not speaking English. She was also cited for making an illegal U-turn and failing to carry her drivers license.

The hospital bill is from an overnight stay after she appeared to become ill after the incident.

Dallas-Fort Worth station KXAS-TV reports the woman and her attorney, Domingo Garcia, are filing a complaint.

Kunkle said officers have improperly cited drivers for not being able to speak English 38 times in the past three years.

Park bears see minivans as coolers on wheels

CA YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK — What's bigger than a picnic basket and even better than one in the eyes of black bears that live in Yosemite National Park?

A study published this month in the Journal of Mammalogy reports it's minivans driven by families with children who leave behind a trail of spilled juice boxes, Cheerios and coolers of snacks.

Park scientists have found that the bears tore up minivans more frequently than other types of vehicles. It found that minivans represented 29 percent of the 908 vehicles torn into by bears between 2001 and 2007, even though they made up just 7 percent of the cars that visited Yosemite.

The researchers investigated the relationship after noticing that bears seemed to target that particular vehicle type.

On the downswing

Six-year-old Lexi Braun of Washington, Ill., swings in Grandview Drive Park in Peoria, Ill.

Green welcome centers on the way

TN NASHVILLE — Tennessee officials hope to start work on a replacement for the Interstate 24 welcome center in Lookout Valley as early as January.

An environmentally friendly, 4,500-square-foot building will double the size of the existing structure on the eastbound side of I-24. A log cabin-style prototype is the projected design.

The new center is one of three statewide being built with stimulus funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The timeline on the new building hinges on a Nov. 17 bid process. The project should be completed within 11 months.

Soldier plans mayoral campaign from overseas

VT BENNINGTON — A Bennington town police officer has said he's going to run for Bennington County sheriff next year while serving in Afghanistan with the Vermont National Guard.

Officer John Behan is due to leave within the next few weeks for the tour where he will serve as a squad leader.

He told the Rutland Herald he expects he will still be in Afghanistan next November when the election is held, but, if he wins, he should be home in time to take office in early 2011.

Farmers crack shell on bumper peanut crop

NM PORTALES — The peanut harvest is at its halfway mark, and growers said this year's yield in eastern New Mexico and West Texas ranks from average to good.

The harvest began in September, and most peanuts are expected to be in before Thanksgiving.

Sunland Inc. chief executive Jimmie Shearer said the growers in West Texas that produce peanuts for his company have been seeing above-average yields. He said had the fields received rain in early August, the yield might have set a record.

Study: Pets with chips more likely to be found

OH COLUMBUS — Cats that land in an animal shelter are 20 times more likely to be returned to their owners if they have an implanted microchip, a new study has found.

That's good news not just for the felines but also for the shelters that take them in and the owners who love them, said Ohio State University's Linda Lord, who led the national study.

"Nothing compares with a pet wearing a collar, but a microchip is a fantastic backup system," said Lord, an assistant professor of veterinary preventive medicine.

Lord and other investigators collected data from 53 shelters in 23 states from August 2007 to March 2008.

Pink power

A pink ribbon to recognize breast cancer awareness is hung on the north portico of the White House in Washington.

Dragaway 'I do'

Julie Brown and Doug Bennett, of Nekoosa, Wis., get married on the dragstrip at the Great Lakes Dragaway in Union Grove, Wis.

Row, row, row ...

A crew team rows down the Charles Rive

Ever get the feeling ...

A great horned owl peers from its perch at the Spring River Zoo in Roswell, N.M.

'Go Fish' too obvious?

An inquisitive goliath grouper appears to watch Becky Roe, left, and Todd Early compete in an Underwater Pirates Poker Tournament in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary off Key Largo, Fla.

er and past Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass.

Man, woman found dead in day care parking lot

OH FAIRFIELD — Police say a man and woman found dead in an SUV parked at a southwest Ohio day care center had both been shot in the head.

The bodies were discovered by a lawn care worker inside the vehicle outside Jelly Bean Junction Learning Centers three hours after the day care center opened.

Fairfield police Lt. Kevin Haddix says there were no other injuries and all the children are safe at the center some 20 miles north of Cincinnati.

Woman found in New York City identified

WA SEATTLE — A teenager who two weeks ago turned up in the heart of New York City without remembering her name or where she lives has been identified as a resident of Washington state.

Detective Brian Sessa, a spokesman with the New York City Police Department, confirmed the 18-year-old is from Washington and her parents are flying to New York.

Sessa said the teen is in good health but still hasn't regained her memory. He declined to provide further details about where she's from in Washington or what happened to her.

Western states stress energy cooperation

WY JACKSON — State lawmakers from around the West are gathering in the northern Wyoming resort town of Jackson to figure out how to get better coordinated on energy issues. Many are also interested in showing a united front as Congress considers bills that could put a damper on the nation's long-term appetite for coal.

Organizers say about 75 state lawmakers from around the West are attending.

Ted Boyer, a member of the Utah Public Service Commission, said it appears bills pending in both the Senate and House would hurt western states that depend on coal-fired plans for the bulk of their power.

Man gets 90 days in jail for $50 million fire

WI MILWAUKEE — A Milwaukee man who launched a military flare that sparked a major fire has been sentenced to 90 days in jail.

Twenty-five-year-old Kurtis J. Popp and his brother, Joshua J. Popp, 23, received the same sentence. Kurtis Popp must spend 30 days in jail for the next three Julys, perform 500 hours of community service and spend three years on probation.

The flare the brothers launched in July landed on the roof of a meatpacking plant in a Milwaukee suburb, causing more than $50 million in damage.

Wineries getting bigger as production grows

WA WALLA WALLA — Save for a few big operators, Washington state has largely been home to small, boutique wineries, despite its No. 2 ranking for premium wine. But the massive storage and fermentation tanks being erected up and down the state's wine corridors prove that things are changing.

"There's a lot of consolidation overall in the wine industry. Because of that, a lot of the bigger wineries, not necessarily us, have a lot more market opportunity," said John Freeman, winemaker for Waterbrook Winery, the flagship label for Precept Brands. "There's room to grow."

Washington still sits a distant second, though, behind California with 33,000 acres, 600-plus wineries and a value of $3 billion.

Child sex abuser gets 80 life sentences

TX SAN ANTONIO — A Texas man who confessed to sexually abusing a child over a three-year period has been sentenced to 80 life sentences.

Scott Lee Zulfer pleaded guilty to 69 charges of aggravated sexual assault and 11 charges of continuous sexual abuse from 2006 to 2008.

District Attorney Amos Barton said he sought a life sentence for each count against Zulfer "just in case he lived through the first 79."

Lagging math programs follow overseas example

FL LUTZ — With U.S. students lagging behind their counterparts in some countries, local educators have turned to Singapore to shake up their math curricula.

Several private schools have adopted the Singapore math curriculum — based on the principles used in the Asian nation.

The math program puts a greater emphasis on problem-solving skills, visual techniques and hands-on learning. Many educators say the model in the United States is outdated because it relies too heavily on memorization.

Singapore ranked second in the world on fourth-grade math scores in a 2007 study.

Senior couple buys their first home

ID BOISE — Elizabeth Malone, 70, came from Rocklin, Calif., in March to visit her son's family in Boise. She found it almost impossible to go home.

"When it was time to leave, I just cried," she said.

Malone and her husband, Charles, 66, lived in a senior apartment north of Sacramento. They had never bought a home because the couple, now retired and living on a fixed income, couldn't afford one.

Then her son, Reme A. Pullicar, offered to give them a down payment.

In June, the Malones were prequalified for a home loan through Capital City Mortgage based on their Social Security income of about $1,000 a month.

They moved into their $65,000 home on Beech Street in south Caldwell on Sept. 27.

Their mortgage payment is less than $500 a month, a few hundred dollars less than they would pay for rent.

"I'm awed because I didn't ever imagine that I would have a home," Elizabeth Malone said.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

Holiday Mathis

No matter how old you become, there will always be a part of you that is still a small child, dreaming about what it will be like to be all grown up. Saturn, our planetary professor, is intent on giving us lessons that will push us to be the kind of people we want to be. He moves into Libra now, focusing his lessons on the realm of relationships.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 29). Your sense of identity changes and becomes stronger. More than ever, you know who you are and who you are becoming. A new hobby ignites passion in you. Pursuing a goal associated with this activity will expand your intellectual and social horizons. Higher learning leads to financial gain. Capricorn and Aries people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone is checking you out. There is a possibility for advancement in your near future, and it's being decided right now. Present yourself like you're expecting success, and you will have it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). For no particular reason, your tender heart seems particularly vulnerable. It's like your inner child has scraped a knee and needs a hug. Seek refuge in comforting arms. You will be welcomed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A change in procedure seems arbitrary and cumbersome. You want to express this to the decision makers involved, but you feel like they are so out of touch that the action is pointless. It isn't.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's like your guitar learned a new lick, your car has a new gear and you won the election because everyone wrote in your name on the ballot. The mojo is with you right now. Strut.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a challenge keeping up with you, which is why most people don't. All streaks and blurs and whirlwinds of finesse, you move through the day like you were shot out of a cannon.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're faced with a myriad of options. It makes you long for the day when there was only "go right" or "go left." Talk out all of your choices with a trusted friend. You will hear yourself solve your own problem.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everything is happening so fast that it's important you make sure it's moving in the right direction. This is a fantastic time to check the progress against your big picture. Revisit, or create for the first time, that five-year plan.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Angels aren't always chubby and cherubic, and devils sometimes wear Prada. This is a good time to be skeptical of appearances. If you are patient, the situation will reveal its true nature all on its own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have a champion's heart with the wanderlust of a gypsy. You haven't had the chance to properly wander in a while, though. Arrange your schedule to allow for some aimless and free-spirited fun.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You've scaled what you thought was the mountain, but you arrived at what turned out to be a plateau. Look again. That was just the first false summit. Luckily, you're a world-class climber.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Silly as it is, a product you saw on television has wormed its way into your heart. Despite your better judgment, you want that thing. So get it. A bit of trendy novelty will be, at the very least, conversational fodder.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Deep in your heart, you know what you need to do. And you have the nerve, too — something you won't discover until you're already in motion. So take action. This is the only way to honor your soul.

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Difficulty: Hard

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Yesterday's solution

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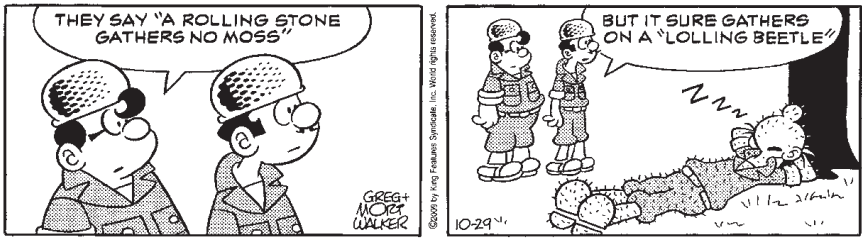
Beetle Bailey



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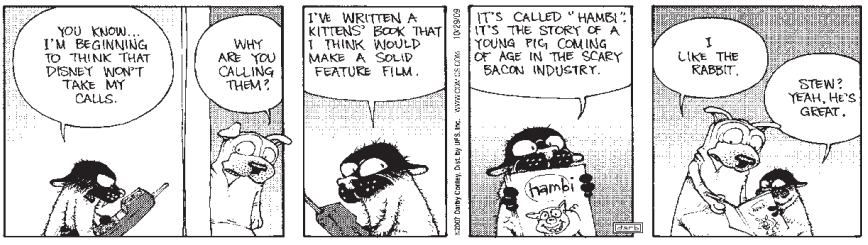

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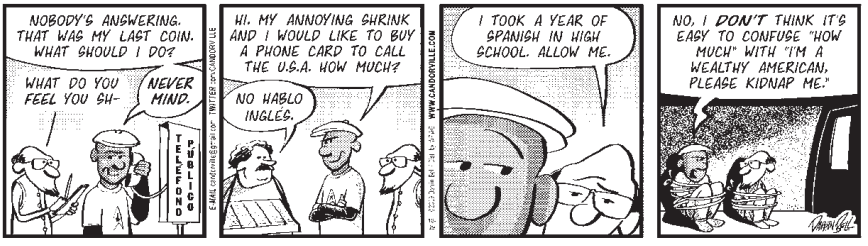

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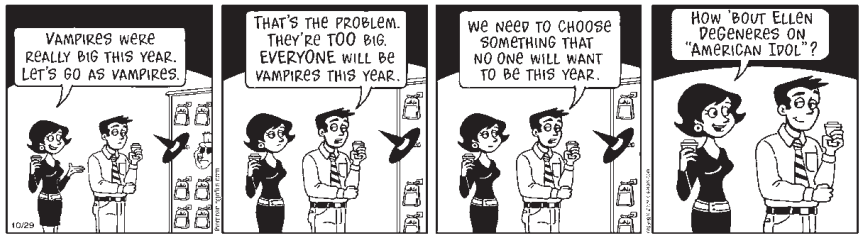

Knight Life

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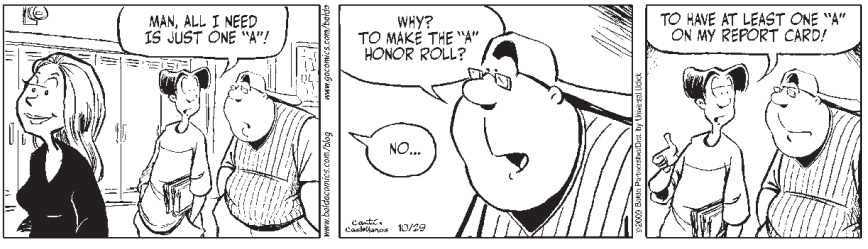

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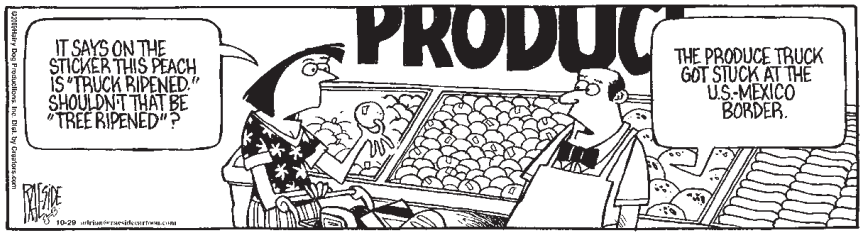

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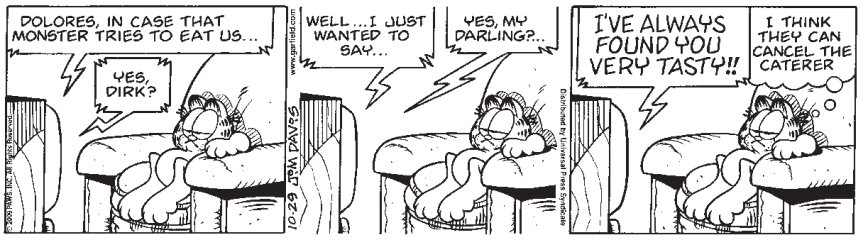

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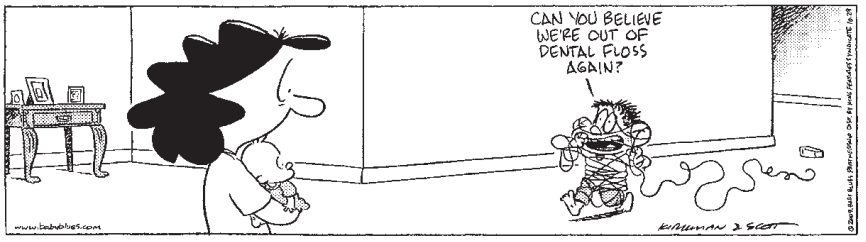

Jump Start

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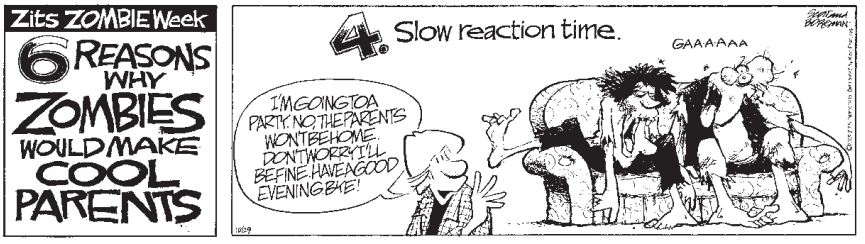

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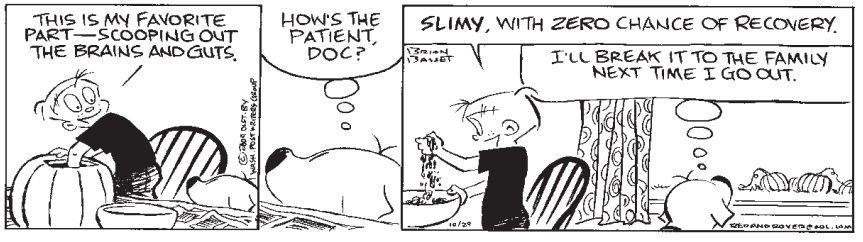

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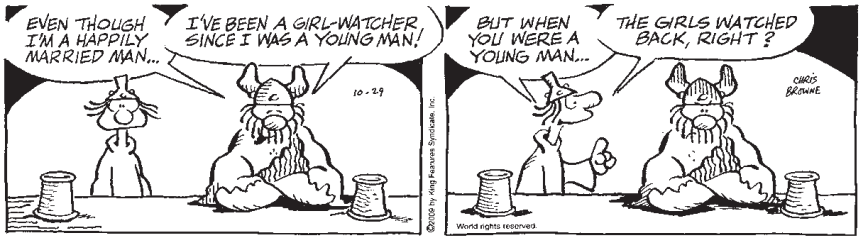

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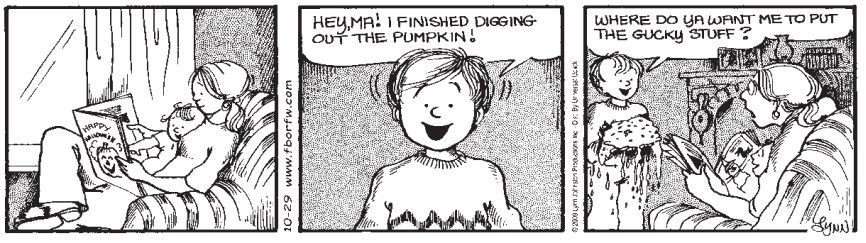

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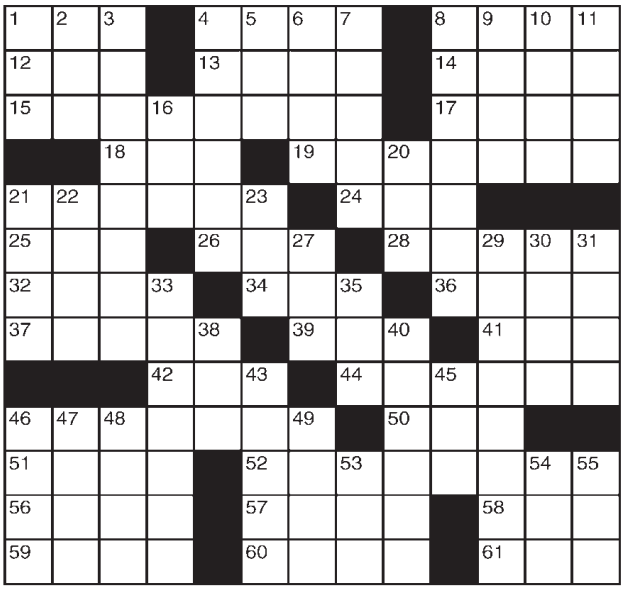

ACROSS

1 Picks out of a lineup
4 Piece for two
8 Speaker's place
12 "As if!"
13 Poet Pound
14 Expel
15 Green onion
17 Earthen pot
18 Shelter
19 One without snow tires?
21 "Ecce homo" sayer
24 Costa del —
25 Swiss canton
26 Blunder
28 Kathmandu's land
32 Source
34 Deity
36 Munro's pen name
37 Boredom
39 Wiretap
41 Energy
42 And so on (Abbr.)
44 White winter weasel
46 Auto's body
50 Lubricate
51 Posterior
52 Bundle of nerves?
56 Furniture store name
57 Enthusiastic
58 Individual
59 Moist in the morn
60 Optimistic
61 Affirmative action

DOWN

1 Half the ramifications
2 Medic
3 Colt's pop
4 Take out of context?
5 Submachine gun
6 Cupid's alias
7 Aquariums
8 Random drawings?
9 "— Lang Syne"
10 Capri, e.g.
11 Luminary
16 Meadow
20 Saturn model, 2003-07
21 100 percent
22 Press
23 Work unit
27 Filch
29 Big tent at an expo
30 Similar (to)
31 Rickey ingredient
33 Calendar box
35 Payable
38 Part of FWIW
40 Weak and unsteady
43 Stogie
45 Wire measure
46 Scolded
47 Raise
48 From the top
49 Palm starch
53 Ph. bk. data
54 "Sail — Ship of State!"
55 Actor Beatty

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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10-29 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SUPPOSING THE COCOONED INSECTS SUDDENLY GREW WIDER, I GUESS YOU'D SAY THEY WERE DILATED PUPAS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals A

Special kids need special folks

Dear Abby: On Aug. 10 you printed a letter from an aunt who was upset because her sister, the mother of a child with autism, doesn't have time to join in fund-raising with her and the rest of the family. While I commend the writer and her family for raising money for autism research, that woman needs to cut her sister some slack.

Very few parents (thank goodness for them, though) have the emotional energy, not to mention time, to advocate for their child's special needs. I commend you for giving the writer of that letter the answer you did. I would challenge anyone who thinks he or she could "handle it" to walk a mile in our shoes. Our entire lives center around our children and their doctors' appointments, therapy, special schooling, adaptive equipment, etc. The last thing we need to hear is some self-righteous know-it-all putting us down for something we were hand-picked by God to do.

— Special-needs Mom in Alabama

Dear Mom: I heard from the parents of many special-needs children who echoed your sentiments. And you're right — it does take a very special parent not to crack under the stress. Read on:

Dear Abby

Dear Abby: No one fully understands what a parent with a child with a disability goes through from day one. First there is the emotional aspect. We grieve. It's not the kind of grieving you do after a death. This is grieving that never ends. It cycles over and over. If you're not crying, you're angry. Some days you can accept and breathe; other days you just can't. Anything can set you back, and suddenly you're sobbing again.

Not only is there the day-to-day caring for the child — feeding, dressing, hygiene, to name a few — but also phone calls, meetings, doctor visits, therapies. When the kids are little, many of these things aren't too bad. But as they get older, larger, stronger, it breaks the caregiver's body and spirit.

There is also the problem of not being able to get needed services. In many states, once children are out of the school system and on the waiting list for adult services, they sit and languish at home with NO services until they qualify for accommodations.

Living with that, we often can't get or hold jobs. Day care is a huge problem for us and our kids. If that woman really wants to help, she should offer respite care and get involved with the waiting list issue, which is as important as research.

— Sonja in Colorado

Dear Sonja: In this time of draconian cutbacks everywhere, I hope our politicians will direct their thinking away from divisive politics and being re-elected to what must be done to help our most vulnerable citizens.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at **http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby**

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JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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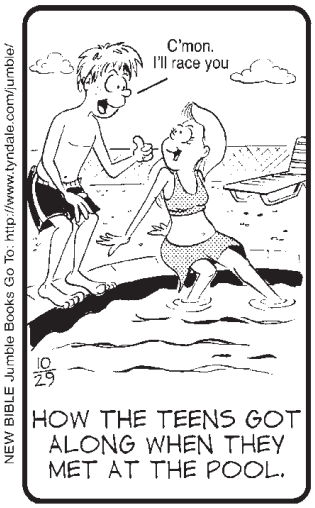


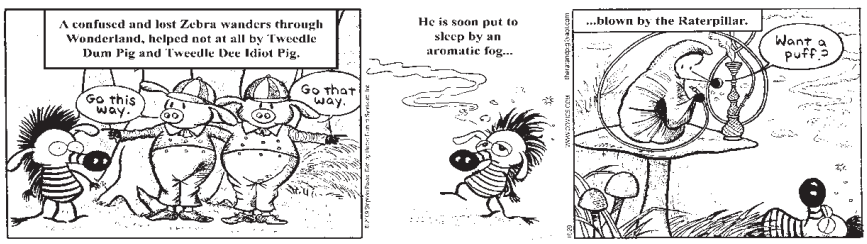
NEW BIBLE Jumble Books Go To: http://www.tyndale.com/jumble/

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans: " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: SURLY GORGE PILFER BLOODY
Answer: The young witch joined the bee contestants because she was — A GOOD "SPELLER"

Pearls Before Swine



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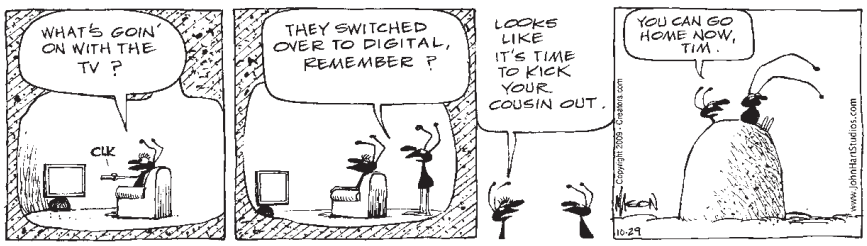

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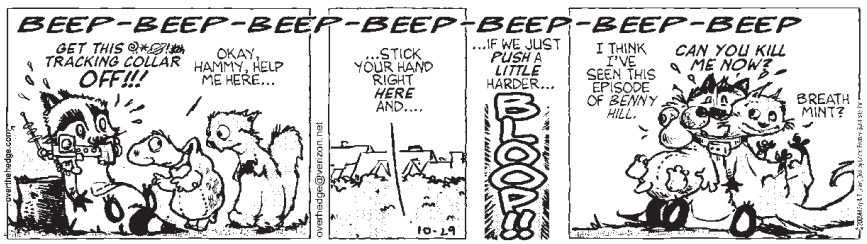

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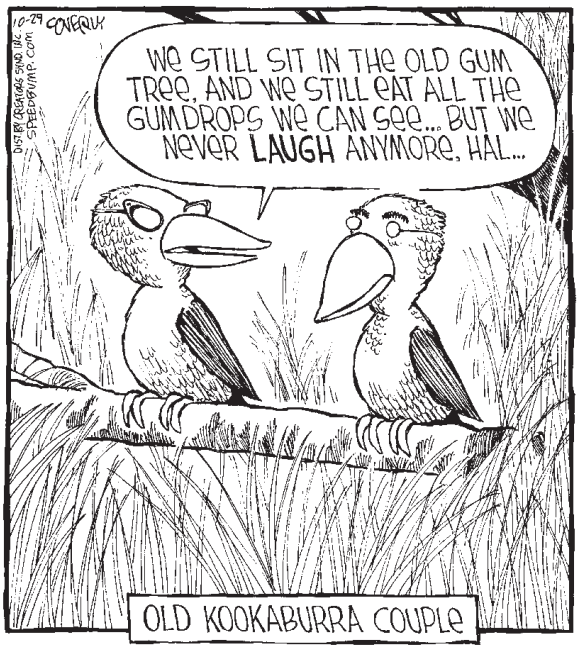

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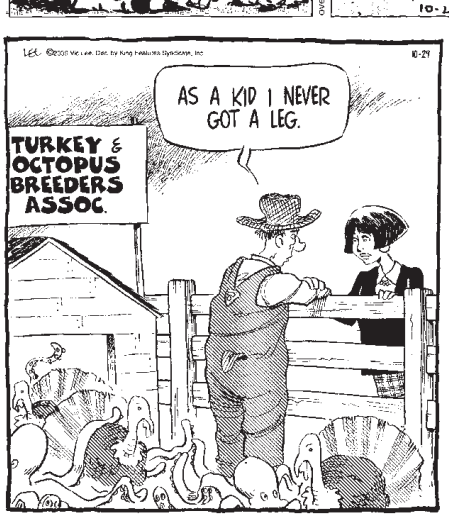

Non Sequitur

Strange Brew

AFN Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at www.myafn.net

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos	(2:55) Movie "The Net" (1995) Sandra Bullock, Jeremy Northam. Software makes computer nerd a target.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Ground Breakers	SportsCenter	(2:00) Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				Battleground	Color Splash		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	The American Veteran	Top Gear	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell		Tavis Smiley		Recon Revisited			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Behind the Scenes	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	Ent. Studios	Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Ft. Hood on Track	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	Today's Air Force	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Sonny With a Chance	Movie "Beowulf" (2007, Adventure) Voices of Ray Winstone. Animated. A warrior battles a ferocious demon.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	American Dad	Briefing Encore	Dancing With the Stars		The Ultimate Fighter
19:30		Zoey 101			Family Guy	Fit For Duty			
20:00	Access Hollywood	American Dreams "R-E-S-P-E-C-T"		Today	HawthoRNe "Pilot"	Battleground	Southern Belles: Louisville Kentucky women.		WWE Monday Night Raw
20:30	The King of Queens					Air Force Football			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Commencement" (Part 2 of 2)	(:10) Movie "Walking Tall" (2004, Action) The Rock. A sheriff and a deputy try to rid their town of thugs.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Around the Services	Desperate Housewives "Everybody Says Don't"		
21:30						Pacific Report			
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Dealership"	Sports	SportsNation
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Week-Pentagon	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Prodigal"	(10:50) Movie "Ghostbusters" (1984) Bill Murray.	Newsroom		Tour of Duty	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Sonny With a Chance	(10:50) MovieGhostbusters	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	EXchange on Air	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		Zoey 101	(:45) Movie "Hannibal" (2001, Suspense) Anthony Hopkins, Julianne Moore, Ray Liotta. A disfigured victim of cannibalistic Dr. Lecter seeks revenge.		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	American Dreams "R-E-S-P-E-C-T"		Happening Now		Today's Air Force	The Starter Wife "Look Who's Stalking"		X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!				Judge Judy	Around the Services			Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210 "Commencement" (Part 2 of 2)		Newsroom	House "You Don't Want to Know"	Downrange	Ghost Whisperer "Ghost in the Machine"		The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					This Week in the Pentagon			Family Guy "Patriot Games"
3:00	American Dad	Degrassi: Next Generation	(:10) Movie "Beowulf" (2007, Adventure) Voices of Ray Winstone, Anthony Hopkins, Angelina Jolie. Animated. A warrior battles a ferocious demon.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Psych Shawn investigates a missing-person case.	Sports	The Ultimate Fighter
3:30	Family Guy	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			
4:00	HawthoRNe "Pilot"	7th Heaven "Prodigal"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Dealership"		WWE Monday Night Raw
4:30						Around the Services	Friends	College Football Live	
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	All Hands TV	Namaste Yoga	Sports	
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie	(:20) Movie "Walking Tall" (2004, Action) The Rock, Johnny Knoxville, Neal McDonough.		Headline News	Recon	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	Jim Rome Is Burning	
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	Essence of Emeril	Around the Horn	SportsNation Hosts Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien					Around the Services	Grill It! With Bobby Flay	Pardon the Interruption	
7:00		Bear in the Big Blue House	Behind the Scenes	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Briefing Encore	E! News Entertainment news.	SportsCenter	Attack of the Show!
7:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Blue's Clues	Entertainment Studios.com	NBC Nightly News		This Week in the Pentagon	The Daily 10		
8:00		Go, Diego, Go!	Hollywood Dailies	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	ER "Nobody's Baby"	Sports	Sports
8:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Handy Manny	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News		Around the Services			
9:00		The Wonder Pets!	Movie "Within These Walls" (2001, Drama) Ellen Burstyn, Laura Dern.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	FNG Useful benefits.	Desperate Housewives "Now You Know"		
9:30	Judge Judy	Little Einsteins				State Dept Briefing			
10:00	House "You Don't Want to Know"	Peep-Big World		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Air Force Football	Grey's Anatomy "Testing 1-2-3"		
10:30		Super Why!	(:45) Movie "Topaz" (1969, Suspense) Frédérick Stafford, John Forsythe, Dany Robin. A French agent helps a CIA officer trace leaks in 1962 Cuba.			AFN Europe Report			
11:00	Oprah Winfrey	Little Einsteins		Anderson Cooper 360	The Dr. Oz Show	The Grill Sergeants	Judge Judy		Sports
11:30		The Wonder Pets!				Fit For Duty	Judge Alex		
12:00	Dr. Phil	Handy Manny		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	CSI: NY "A Man a Mile"		
12:30		Go, Diego, Go!			The King of Queens	Around the Services			
13:00	CBS Evening News	Blue's Clues		Campbell Brown	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Challenge		
13:30	ESPNEWS	Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie "Interview With the Vampire" (1994) Tom Cruise, Brad Pitt. A vampire recalls the tragic events of his 200-year life.			Downrange			
14:00	Prime News Tonight	Play With Me Sesame		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30		(:25) Sesame Street Specials				Balad and Beyond			
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funniest Home Videos		The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals	(:20) Movie "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" (1992, Comedy) Kristy Swanson, Luke Perry.			Battleground	Decorating Cents		
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Top Gear	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(:40) Zatch Bell		Tavis Smiley		FNG Useful benefits.			
17:00	The View	(:05) The Fairly OddParents	Biography "Cate Blanchett" Actress Cate Blanchett.	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles		Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	This Week in the Pentagon	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	The American Veteran	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Aaron Stone	Movie "The Omen" (2006, Horror) Liev Schreiber, Julia Stiles, Mia Farrow. A diplomat's adopted son is pure evil.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Rules of Engagement	Briefing Encore	America's Next Top Model		Two-A-Days
19:30		That's So Raven			Bugs Bunny's Howl-O Ween	Fit For Duty			Busted
20:00	Access Hollywood	Made "Martial Arts" Learning martial arts.		Today	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	Battleground	Grey's Anatomy Izzie starts experiencing familiar symptoms.		The Real World Ayiiia exposes her vulnerable side.
20:30	The King of Queens					Recon Revisited			
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210	(:05) Movie "Murder at the Presidio" (2005) Lou Diamond Phillips. An investigator probes the killing of a Marine's wife.	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Around the Services	Army Wives "About Face"		From G's to Gents
21:30						Pacific Report			
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: Next Generation		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld	Sports	
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Recon	Friends (Part 1 of 2)		RENO 911!
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Ay Carumba"	(10:50) Movie "Mystic River" (2003) Sean Penn.	Newsroom		Army Newswatch	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
23:30					Late Show-Letterman	Downrange	The Colbert Report		

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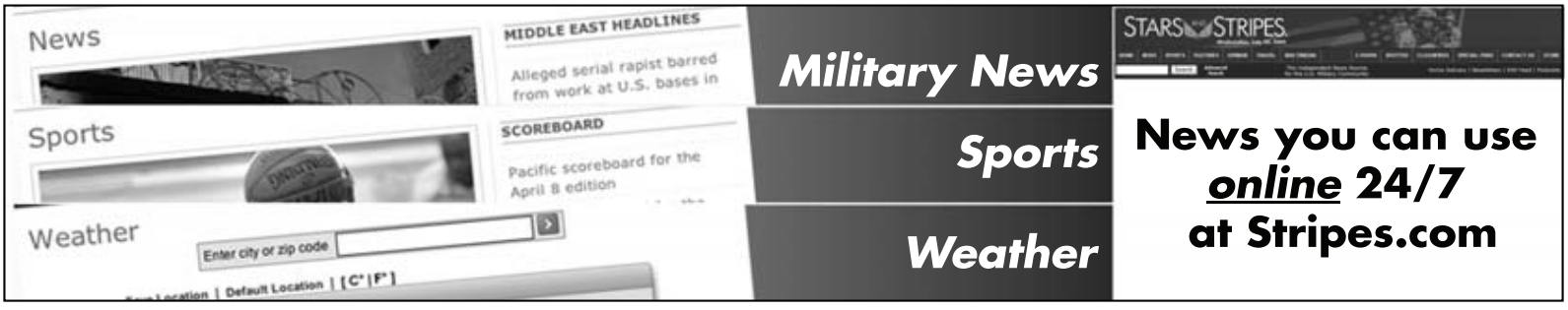
00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Aaron Stone	(10:50) Movie "Mystic River" (2003, Crime Drama) Sean Penn, Tim Robbins, Kevin Bacon.	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(10:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		That's So Raven			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Made "Martial Arts" Learning martial arts.		Happening Now		The American Veteran	Burn Notice A former special forces unit takes Sam hostage.		X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!		(:25) Movie "The Day the Earth Stood Still" (1951) Michael Rennie, Patricia Neal.		Judge Judy	Around the Services			Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210		Newsroom	House "Games"	Downrange	Lipstick Jungle "Pilot"		The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report					All Hands TV			Family Guy
3:00	Rules of Engagement	Degrassi: Next Generation	(:10) Movie "The Omen" (2006, Horror) Liev Schreiber, Julia Stiles, Mia Farrow. A diplomat's adopted son is pure evil.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	Medium "Everything Comes to a Head"	Sports	Two-A-Days
3:30	Bugs Bunny's Howl-O Ween	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				State Dept Briefing			Busted
4:00	Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?	7th Heaven "Ay Carumba"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld		The Real World Ayiiia exposes her vulnerable side.
4:30						Around the Services	Friends (Part 1 of 2)	College Football Live	
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies	(:15) Movie "Murder at the Presidio" (2005) Victoria Pratt	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Final Score	The American Veteran	Namaste Yoga	Sports	From G's to Gents
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	This Week in the Pentagon	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	Jim Rome Is Burning	



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2001 Mercedes Benz C240 silver nice rims fairly new tires. Power Everything (air, etc) with sunroof 6 CD changer. Car is in Hawaii so any pictures email me at monique.sutton@amedd.army.mil or call Ms. Davis at 808-664-3211/808-347-4164. Will sell for $8000-9000. Thankyou.

Misawa, Japan - Honda Odyssey, 1995 JCI: July 2010 Excellent Condition! Auto-start, Snow Tires, A/C & Heat, and Great Stereo Garage kept - Very Clean Interior, well maintained Power everything and Ready to drive home today! Asking $3500 OBO Contact John at cell: 080-5685-8409 or jaiosefo@yahoo.com

Yokohama/Negishi - 1999 Nissan March Bolero - black - 4 cylinder automatic transmission with power locks and windows - A/C works good - JCI good thru March 2010 - 500 Y-plates for cheap road tax - non smoker - $1000 OBO - leaving Japan on the 30th - will deliver to local bases - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157 -email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com

Yokota - 1996 Mitsubishi Legnum VR4 Station wagon for sale. 83500 kilometers, twin turbo, 2.5L V6, AWD, Sport Shift, PW/PL, Navigation. JCI Good till June 2010. $3000 Asking price. MUST SELL QUICKLY. DSN: 315-263-7274.

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Yokota, Japan - 1991 Nissan Laurel Grey full size sedan with Kenwood stereo system. Replaced 2 tires, windshield wipers Upholstery have some wear and tear but car still runs in great condition. It's only needed a few tune-ups and A/C and heater work great! JCI until March 2010 asking $400 OBO please call 214261642 1 or email prodigies18@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 1993 Nissan 300Z 5 Speed, Performance Exhaust, Premium Stereo System, Clean Interior & Paint, JCI March 2010 asking $1200 OBO Please call 214-261-6352 or 080-6657-9171 or email winfordbr@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 1994 Nissan Silvia-180SX Body work and Paint was done by Show up Garage recently changed the rear tires, brake pads, and front rotors for JCI inspection. Please call for more information/test drive. Engine Upgrades: Black S13 SR20DET Kakimoto Cat back Exhaust Low Profile Exhaust Elbow & Pipe Coolant Reservoir Tank Super Wide Straight Pipe S14 Ball bearing Turbine NGK Performance Spark Plugs All intakes converted to 4" Piping Performance Intake Filter Nismo Single Plate Clutch Nismo 2 Way Differential 2 Core Radiator Greddy Electronic Radiator Fan Controller S14 Greddy Intercooler Flex a lite Low Profile Twin Radiator Fan JCI until Aug. 2011 Asking 6500 OBO Please call Jessica Smeaton (949)258-6930 or email iamcaptinkirk@gmail.com

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Aristo 3.0V JCI expire Nov. 2010 2JZ-GTE engine (twin turbo) Low mileage Gray/silver color CD player/Power Windows/Locks/Seats cold A/C All 4 tires bought 6 months ago very dependable! PCS in Nov available NOW! Asking $ 3500 OBO Let's Make a Deal 090-1347-0394

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Camry Silver 4door ! Very Reliable! We'll be available on Nov 15. Great Deal! New Battery as of 8/2009! Please call 614-358-4755 or email jackson_r_a@yahoo.com Payment Plan available if needed! JCI until April 2010 asking $800 OBO

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Nissan Skyline GTS Clean interior. Extremely reliable! Built in radio with CD player; Built in GPS system with remote and TV, Silver exterior, Charcoal interior, automatic transmission Less than 51,000 km. Great gas mileage Tires and breaks in superb condition. Need to sell car before November 1, 2009 JCI until May 2010 asking $2000 please call 080-5688-8024 or email rebekuh@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Toyota Fun Cargo- very clean A little over 99,000 KM chameleon color stereo docking area and purple/pink steering wheel JCI until August 2011! Asking $3500 Please call 773-634-7782 or email usaf_firefighters_wife@ymail.com

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 RX7 Beast from the East! OK remember me? LOL Well. I can now finally honestly say thanks to the Guys at the Mazda Dealer my RX7 is top notch! Excellent condition! No Leaks No Problems what so ever. This car sold for $30K (300,000 Yen) in 2000 is now valued at about 18-20K. I will sell it for $11,000 or best offer BUT do not buy this car if you don't love RX7s! It takes quite a bit of up-keep to keep this baby happy but trust me she gives a lot in return. This is by far the fastest car I have ever driven but that's just me. JCI until July 2011 asking $11,000 OBO Please call 080-3588-0119

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Suzuki Wagon R (Yellow Plate) This car has been good to me but it is time to move on. It may look small but it is very roomy and great for little road trips and a great family car. The only thing aftermarket on it is HID (High Intensity Discharge) Lights that work like a charm and light up the road at night. The car has almost 88000km on it and still runs great. I just recently had the Spark Plugs changed, new distributor w/ rotor, and all the fluids changed. This car is also turbo ED, so it does have some get up to it. JCI is good for 2 years! Asking $3000 OBO please call Nefflen 080-3586-8713

Yokota, Japan - 2 for 1 for a limited time get 2 vehicles for the price of 1. Get a Toyota Crown 94 & 94 Honda Inspire both for only $3300. One for $2200 & one for $1500 savings of $400 for two very reliable and dependable vehicles Ask about split payment plan option. ... until Jan 10 & July 10 asking $3300 please call 080-3081-9772 or email chynasdad1@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - 92 Toyota Mark II Tourer V - Must Sell! Twin Turbo, runs great Sun roof Fun car to drive Price is negotiable. JCI until July 2011 Black w/gray interior - Picture coming soon! Asking $1600 OBO HP 717-265-2612 Cell 080-3416-6335 or email zdbrown360@gmail.com Zac Brown

Yokota, Japan - '93 Aristo Power locks, windows, seats New tint 18 rims w/ good rubber Sound system A/C & heater Down low 80,000 km JCI until 2010 June 3500 OBO. Please email misz_stephanie_kei@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - '97 Honda StepWagon JCI expire May 2011 Nice family car! Sits 7 people comfortably Power Windows/Locks 5 disc CD player cold A/C Front/Back PCS in Nov ready to make a deal 500 plate (cheap road tax) Runs great-/Very reliable Asking $2000 OBO 090-1347-0394

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Yokota, Japan - 99 BMW R1100R, PCS in Jan. Great shape, clean bike with ABS, heated handgrips, adjustable seat high and new tires. Check out this site for more details. http://www.totalmotorcycle.com/buyersguide/BMW-R1100R-R1100RABS-R1150R.HTM# well maintained 22,000K very low miles for this classic boxer style beemr JCI until Dec. 2011 asking $4800 Please call Roger 1-702-946-6078

Yokota, Japan - Honda Ascot Innova 2 yrs JCI/500 Plate Just passed JCI, reliable, clean exterior/interior, remote start for the winter, aftermarket CD/MP3 player, 2 10's, Kenwood amp. Excellent on gas and it is a 500 plate so cheaper insurance and road tax fees. Asking $2500 OBO Please call 713-490-0823 or email donald_whitejr@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Honda Domini Great car! Excellent on gas! I just put new tires on it this past month. The radiator belts have been changed, the oil was recently changed. JCI is good until Sept. 2010. Can fit 3 car seats easily in the back large trunk Newer CD player with IPOD hook-up? Only selling due to PCS Car will be handed over Nov. 16-2009. Asking $1200 OBO! Please call 3145583462 or email cowan04@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Honda Legend 2 years JCI 1992 model runs smooth/fast great sound system Gets good gas mileage. Email cmsales1@hotmail.com if interested. Need to get the car out of my name ASAP Asking $1500 OBO

Yokota, Japan - Toyota Town Ace PCS Sale, Must Go! Minor superficial flaws, but engine runs great! Excellent family car, good for road trips and commissary runs. JCI until Feb 10, but leaving in November Get it now! Asking price $700 OBO Please call Scott 080-3204-4904

Zama, Japan - 1997 Nissan March, all taxes, inspection and JCI good until Jul 2011 $2,200 Call Maria or Keith at 080-4083-5002

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Yamaha TW200 Runs great, call or e-mail for details. JCI until Jan. 2010, Please make an offer Email tvaligura@yahoo.com or call 214-261-6331

Motorcycles 164

Misawa, Japan - FOR SALE: 1993 Honda Steed 40cc - JCI good until Aug 2011 $2,200 Call Maria or Keith at 080-4083-5002

Motorcycles 164

Atsugi - 2007 Harley Davidson FLSTF "Fatboy" Includes passenger seat, removable backrest (highly desirable by your passenger), saddlebag, and all factory manuals! Other extras are available. If you want to buy a bargain priced HD to ride while you are here in Japan, this is an increasingly rare opportunity. I'm asking $13,000.00. This bike is priced to sell. I'm only selling it because I'm PCS'ing back home and I don't need two Harleys. I have a 2006 Deluxe in storage back home. 080-5680-3650. Please leave a message if unanswered.

Yokota, Japan - 2005 Suzuki Boulevard Awesome Red Cruiser! 400cc Perfect for a beginner or seasoned vet. Only 1,700 km! Great shape and rides great! JCI good thru Jan 2010 Comes with cover. JCI until Jan. 2010 Asking price $3500 OBO please email felixwankel@yahoo.com or call 080-3241-3165

Baby Items 200

Atsugi - Selling Graco Cherry Blossom Travel System and Swing, both were purchased in May of 2008 and were purchased new. We have been the only owners and both have received little use. We live in Atsugi and if you interested you will need to come pick them both up. Asking $200 for both OBO. 090-1268-7244

Yokota, Japan - Baby Swing From small infants to babies up to 25 lbs. Good sturdy swing with several musical tunes, several swinging speeds and mobile. Asking $20 OBO Please call 973-900-8980

Yokota, Japan - Eddie Bauer travel system car seat/ stroller combi. The system includes an infant car seat which makes it easier for you, and your little one, to transition from car to stroller. The large storage basket on the stroller springs down easily for you to load up with shopping treasures or larger items you need to take along for the ride. When you have finished the day's journeying, the 1-hand fold 'n stand with self-lock makes storing the stroller easy. Slightly used but in very good condition. Retails for $209 selling for half price, Call or email for more info. 090-1269-4102 1-971-244-0524 / jeff.millertime@juno.com

Yokota, Japan - Rainforest Jumperoo Baby sits in this and jumps around. Plenty of things to play with, gadgets, music and more very safe, sturdy, stands alone, does not attach to doorway. Barely used less than 1 year old Asking $20 OBO Please call 973-900-8980

Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Medela Pump in Style Advanced Breast Pump Double Electric Breast Pump for sale. I spent a lot on this pump but could only use it for a few weeks. It was worth every penny though! I also bought the car adapter for use on long trips. That is included. A double electric personal use breast pump ideal for daily use. Natural Expression pumping, one touch let-down button designed for faster milk flow. Customized pumping with adjustable speed and vacuum control Stylish backpack contains everything mom needs to pump. Battery Pack for pumping anywhere, anytime. Includes Pump in Style Advanced Breast pump with 2 Phase Expression pumping. ! If you have any questions please feel free to ask I am asking $120.00 Please email me: GFamilyads@gmail.com

Bicycles 220

Yokohama/Negishi - Mongoose Exile bicycle, 27 speed, 26" tires, yellow in color. Bought in June this year. Ridden to ride to work and on weekend area rides. Have owners manual, blue Schwinn bicycle helmet, three key cable lock, light, bell, and extra wide seat installed. Have original seat as well.. Asking $100 OBO. Leaving Japan on 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157. email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil.or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com

Cellular Phones 280

Yokohama/Negishi - two (2) Softbank model 812SH cell phones. metallic blue color - one has scratched. One in use and the other is inactive. Only need to change SIM card to make tthem work. Complete with box, manual, and charger. Paid $156 each - will sell both for $100 OBO. Leaving Japan on 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157. email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil.or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - (2) Nokia N95 Cell Phones for Sale I am selling two 7 months young Nokia N95 cell phones. This phone retails for at least $250 dollars, I am only asking $200 per phone, OBO! Ask for Ajay, 080-3703-3941. Thanks!

Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - NEW Med Bridge 1.3 HDMI cable High speed HDMI cable. 25 feet long, gold plated connectors, supports up to 1080p. Great quality cable - brand new - never used it because it's not long enough. The cheapest HDMI cable at the exchange is $35 and not nearly as long as 25 feet. Asking $40 please call Darrin 6173913655

Crafts/Hobbies 380

Yokota, Japan - Wood Burning Pen works great on all types of wood really easy to use. Warning! It takes a little while to cool down after you're done using it. Please supervise children. Asking $20 Please Sarah 903-386-0550

Found 490

Sagamihara - Found Gameboy DS items at the SHA commissary parking lot on Oct 11th. Please email at mommax4boys@yahoo.com to send description of items

Furniture 510

Atsugi - Twin captains bed w/ matt, only 1 year old, sale $250 obo. 5 pc dining set w/ Lazy Susan cherry color, also 1 year old, sale $250 obo. Couch & Loveseat great condition, tan color, both $100. Call 264-7869 or 080-4050-3938

Yokota, Japan - IKEA Entertainment Center/TV Stand Excellent Condition - 46" Wide / 19.5" Deep / 20" High- Locking Glass Panel with Key- Adjustable Shelves Please call 240-241-5776 or email jumholbrook@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Must go ASAP. Entertainment center/comp. desk set must sell ASAP before move. I am selling this as a set. I designed these, and had them custom made. They are absolutely beautiful and well taken care of each piece entertainment center & matching computer desk has lots of great features. I ask that you call to see in person as I do not have pictures. Computer desk has glass top to protect wood easy to clean-built in filing cabinet w/ lock, removable trays, and much, much more. Entertainment center is gorgeous, easy gliding drawers, built-in area for DVD's to be hidden, pull-out drawers, lights, much more. Both are really nice. Selling as set immediately solid rosewood $3500 for both--paid a lot more than this. Please call Angela 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Nice Kitchen Table Set must sell immediately before move. Excellent shape not very old at all. We even had a custom glass top made to put over table to protect wood easy to clean. Put linens under glass to add to decor really nice. Tall, Round Table, Set of 4 cushioned chairs (cushions are neutral color, built into chair), storage at bottom of table, Custom Glass Top, Natural, solid set of 4 placemats, paid over $800 for this set asking $400. Must go ASAP must provide own delivery. Please leave message if not home. 916-473-4488

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Yokohama/Negishi - Shark Re-tractor clean air hand vac with retractable cord. Still in box - never used. Will accept reasonable offer. Leaving Japan on the 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157. Email :james.r.guest@us.army.milor jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Braun Professional set must sell ASAP before move. It's all really nice. I kept the org. box, everything it came with. Some of the accessories we never used. We have had this for several years now, & love it, but we have to clear out now. This is the Braun professional hand blender set. Must have for any kitchen w/ out taking up much space Adjust your speed & power. Includes ice crushing, whisk, chopper, and many more attachments great for making baby food, chopping fruits/veggies, making drinks, and more large set asking $50 for set Please leave message if not home 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Honeywell Air Cleaner sets must sell ASAP before move. I bought this from Bed, Bath, beyond. You can purchase new filters at BX. Honeywell Quiet Care Ultra Quiet Programmable HEPA Air Cleaner w/ remote, lots of features. Paid over $160 asking $80 I have 4 of these--I have 1 in each room--you can purchase filters at bx. Paid over $110 asking $55 each. Must sell ASAP before move Please leave message if not home. Thank you. 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Kitchen aid must sell before big move everything very clean. I kept boxes, etc. white color Kitchen aid Set includes: 5 qt. Artesian Mixer w/ all accessories it came with, Kitchen aid ice cream attachment set, Kitchen aid 56 oz. Polycarbonate Pitcher 5 speed blender w/ electronic mixing sensor, and many more great features. Everything looks brand new. I took really good care of it all Paid over $500 for everything asking $340 for everything as a set. Firm on price Please leave message if not home. 916-473-4488

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Large Japanese Kanji Frame. They are Ichigo-Ichie only once in the life) this is good for display on while wall... Size: 4' x 1.5'. Please e-mail me at yokotajapan73@hotmail.com or call me at 090-9825-3805 (Soft Bank User can text me with the number). Asking $35 OBO Please call 090-9825-3805 or email yokotajapan73@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Longaberger baskets - All these baskets are in exc. condition must sell to prepare for move. Some are no longer available. Warm Brown Medium Bin Basket w/ FLAX liner, & Protector, Paid over $100 Asking $50.Warm Brown-Large Desktop Basket w/ FLAX liner, Protector w/ woodcraft dividers, Paid over $153 Asking $75 Warm Brown Organizer Basket w/ FLAX liner, Protector w/ woodcraft dividers, Paid over $250 asking $125 Warm Brown-Paper Bin Basket w/ FLAX liner, Protector, Woodcraft Lid, Paid over $135. Asking $65 Warm Brown-Spring Basket w/ FLAX liner, 4 way divider protector, open protector, Paid over $110 Asking $60 Warm Brown-Large Rectangle Storage Basket, FLAX liner, Protector w/ woodcraft dividers, Lid, Paid over $330. Asking $165 please leave message 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Must sell ASAP-3 pc. Suitcase set must sell ASAP before big move we only used one of the suitcases 1 time. The other 2 are brand new great for small trips, TDY'S, etc. the small - medium size one is expandable w/ removable insert inside lots of storage. The other one is also on wheels, great for laptop, travel documents, etc. the other one is a carry-on shoulder bag, whole 3 piece set is priced to sell immediately: $50 for whole set. Please leave message on machine 916-473-4488

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Pottery Barn Curtain sets must sell immediately before move. Clean, I kept original bags. I'm even including drapery hooks. You have 2 hanging options w/ these curtains either hang them on a curtain rod, OR, use the drapery hooks I am including and put in sliders above windows. These are natural, neutral color. No print will match any decor. I 'm selling as a set: 2 curtain panels--96" length, and 2 curtain panels-63" in length. For both sets 96" and 63", I am asking $60. (I am also going to include, for FREE, 2 matching soft Throw Blankets) Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - THE ART OF SUSHI 12pc. SET: New Asian inspired sushi for four set includes: 4 each dinner plates, 4 dipping dishes, and 4 pairs of chopsticks. Plates are porcelain; chopsticks are plastic. Set comes in a decorative storage tin. Plates are dishwasher safe. Asking $25 Please call 361-288-3585 or email melody@wherever-whitening.com

Home Electronics 570

Yokohama/Negishi - Coby 20 watts CD stereo system. Still in box - never used. Will accept reasonable offer. Leaving Japan on the 30th - call 269-6291 or 080-4073-8157. email: james.r.guest@us.army.mil.or jimguest.injapan@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - IPod Nano Replica Mp4/Mp3 Player (Silver Color) NOTE: this is a Replica Looking IPod Nano Mp4/Mp3 Player. Looks exactly like the Nano. You can load music and pictures. Pictures turn horizontal when place on each side. Comes with earphones, charger, and USB Connector for your PC It can hold up to 4GB of data. It is NEW and never been used. Bought it for my little nice, but she already purchased one. It's small, lightweight, good for running etc.) Bought it for $80.00 selling it for $30.00 less :o) Please email flipabackside@gimail.af.mil

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - Nintendo Wii Games must sell ASAP before big move. I kept the original boxes to all the Wii games. American Idol w/ Microphone $20 Superstar Boogie w/ Microphone $25 Active Life Outdoor Challenge Set $35 Please leave message if not home. P.S. I also have several DVD movies for the whole family to enjoy. Each DVD movie is only $3.50 all clean. Must sell ASAP Please call 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - PS3 and games I have a PS3, controller and remote, willing to give it at a decent price. Needs to go NOW! Asking $300 OBO please call Scott 080-3204-4904

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Yokota, Japan - PS3 (Needs help) PS3 for some reason the disk only reads sometimes. If you know how to fix it will be a steal. One year old hardly used everything else in the system works. Just intermittent on disks asking $100 OBO please email friskofan01@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Samsung 32" TV LCD HD 720p Just like new, I've had it for about 6 months, just upgraded to a bigger TV and I don't have a use for it anymore. I have the original book and the remote control. Asking $350 Please call 080-4141-5252

Yokota, Japan - WII and accessories have a Wii, to Wii motes w/ nunchuku, a classic controller to sell at a decent price, must go NOW! Asking $250 OBO Please call 080-3204-4904

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - X-Box w/games Original in good working condition. All parts in box plus additional controller. Games included in price include: Counter Strike Tony Hawk's Underground Medal of Honor Frontline Star Wars/Tetris Combo T.C. Splinter Cell: Pandora Tomorrow Prince of Persia: Sands of Time Star Wars: KOTOR Star Wars: Battlefront 2 Hit man 2 Madden NFL 06 All games work and system operates great. Asking price is $50 OBO for all. Please email elektrikboogaloo@yahoo.com

Jobs Offered 630

Yokota - BABYSITTER NEEDED Wed - Fri. 2-3 hr block of time on two to three days between 8am - 1pm. Flexible schedule. Competitive pay. Two children: 2 years and 10 months. Call 904-229-0498 if interested.

Outdoor Living 775

Yokota, Japan - garden (west housing) home fence and awning for 2 story garden house. Professionally built July 2009 Paid $2500; great condition PCS in November ready to sell today. Asking $2000 obo still in the ground, you must come and get it. Call or e-mail me for address. 090-1347-0394

Yokota, Japan - Outdoor patio rug must sell ASAP before move. Natural, neutral colors (greens, tans, etc) Easy to clean, just hose down. Indoor / outdoor use we currently have it on our patio outside Paid $40 asking $10 MUST GO ASAP Please leave message if not home 916-473-4488

Pets 820

Negishi, Japan - 1 year old pure breed male yellow Labrador Retriever free to a good home, very sweet and kind and has tons of energy, crate trained, house broken and fixed. Will provide pedigree papers (in Japanese) crate and metal training collar. Contact 09085697764/65 or email: xxone12xx@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - American Pit-bull terrier for adoption 3 year old UKC pr bred Pit-bull color blue fawn I'm looking for good home for her. She is a very good dog, potties trained I must find her a home ASAP due to pictures. FREE! Please email trony800@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - German shepherd - Leonia's is a 1 yr old pure bread German shepherd. He's crate trained and house broken. He's a house dog but needs a yard to run around in which I don't have/can't provide him. He loves to take walks and is very loving, a good listener, and will take all the attention he can get. He has been neutered. I have his crate, toys, food, treats, etc that will come with him. Asking $250 Please call 080-3588-1641

Pet Accessories 822

Yokota - We just arrived and need a townhouse fence for our little dog. Please call 080-3443-7948, arrange a price and I will remove it when you are ready to move.

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - Callaway Big Bertha Titanium 454 Driver 9 The new Big Bertha Titanium 454 Driver has a bigger sweet spot to give you explosive energy and forgiveness to send your shots soaring straight down the center of the fairway. Go big and play big - more forgiveness, more confidence, and more bragging-rights distance. Maximized weighting along the back ribbon of the club makes it ultra-resistant to twisting and deadly accurate off the tee. 9 degree loft W/ stiff graphite shaft Head cover included. Retails for $299 asking half price $150 OBO New, never been hit. 090-1269-4102/ 1-971-244-0524

Yokota, Japan - New GARMIN forerunner 405 GPS-Enabled Sports Watch With Wireless Sync Comes with USB Syn. Ant Stick, Charging Cable Clip and Watch. Heart Rate Compatible but Monitor Not Included. $275 OBO 214-261-6352 or 080-6657-9171

Yokota, Japan - Nike - SQ DYMO 2 Driver Nike's next generation of custom-tuned drivers! Square geometry is about straight and long, great sounds, optimal launch by loft, and great looks. A new folded round geometry repositions square mass into a round format for workable distance and control. This club allows you to "swing away." Club head is 9.5 degree with a stiff flex graphite shaft Asking price $175 OBO Please call Jeff 090-1269-4102 or email jeff.millertime@juno.com

Yokota, Japan - Pro-Form Elliptical Trainer Excellent condition, built in CD player, grip pulse sensor and more. Asking $450 Please call Theresa 425-274-4350

Sporting Goods 980

Yokota, Japan - Pro-Form Elliptical Trainer Excellent condition, built in CD player, grip pulse sensor and more. Asking $450 Please call Theresa 425-274-4350

Yokota, Japan - Taylor Made Fairway Woods and Hybrids 2009 Taylor Made R9 #3 and #5 Fairway Woods with stiff flex haft and premium grip. Rarely used. $150.00 each 2009 Taylor Made Hybrid #2, 3, 5 with stiff flex shaft $100.00 each. Call 617-778-9989 or e-mail song.rhim@yokota.a.f.mil

Miscellaneous 1040

Yokota, Japan - Must sell immediately: DIFF. electronics everything is in exc. shape. Nothing wrong w/ anything I kept boxes to all. We have to get rid of everything now before our move. iLuv i166 Stereo IPod Dock w/ Am/Fm/Dual Alarm/more. Black color w/ remote, paid $70 asking $35 SPECK See-Thru "red" hard shell cover for 13" Mac-book, Paid $50 Asking $10 iLuv i277WHT-ipod dock w/ A LOT of features w/ remote white color paid $150 asking $65 iluv iMM173 dual docking for iPod/iPhone w/ lots of features/remote black color, Paid $150. Asking $65 Sony Am/Fm radio w/ CD player/iPod docking/remote/more $45 please leave message if not home 916-473-4488

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NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	11	9	2	0	18	37	25
N.Y. Rangers	12	8	3	1	17	46	33
New Jersey	9	6	3	0	12	26	22
Philadelphia	9	5	3	1	11	31	27
N.Y. Islanders	10	1	4	5	7	22	37
Northeast Division							
Buffalo	8	6	1	1	13	26	16
Montreal	11	6	5	0	12	30	32
Ottawa	9	5	2	2	12	30	26
Boston	10	5	4	1	11	30	32
Toronto	9	1	7	1	3	21	38
Southeast Division							
Washington	10	6	2	2	14	37	30
Atlanta	8	4	3	1	9	28	24
Tampa Bay	9	3	3	3	9	24	32
Carolina	10	2	5	3	7	24	34
Florida	9	2	6	1	5	19	35

Western Conference

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	11	7	3	1	15	36	27
Columbus	10	6	4	0	12	33	34
St. Louis	9	4	4	1	9	24	25
Detroit	9	3	4	2	8	25	31
Nashville	10	3	6	1	7	18	33
Northwest Division							
Colorado	11	8	1	2	18	38	26
Calgary	10	7	2	1	15	41	33
Edmonton	11	6	4	1	13	38	33
Vancouver	11	6	5	0	12	31	28
Minnesota	11	3	8	0	6	23	35
Pacific Division							
Los Angeles	12	8	4	0	16	44	38
San Jose	12	7	4	1	15	42	35
Dallas	11	5	2	4	14	37	32
Phoenix	10	6	4	0	12	26	22
Anaheim	10	3	6	1	7	25	37

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Sunday's games
San Jose 4, Philadelphia 1
Los Angeles 6, Columbus 2
Vancouver 2, Edmonton 0

Monday's games
N.Y. Rangers 5, Phoenix 2
Montreal 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
Chicago 3, Minnesota 1
Toronto 6, Anaheim 3

Tuesday's games
Philadelphia at Washington
Colorado at Edmonton
Detroit at Vancouver

Wednesday's games
Phoenix at Columbus
St. Louis at Carolina
Buffalo at New Jersey
N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders
Montreal at Pittsburgh
Ottawa at Florida
Toronto at Dallas
Nashville at Minnesota
Colorado at Calgary
Los Angeles at San Jose

Thursday's games
Washington at Atlanta
New Jersey at Boston
Ottawa at Tampa Bay
Phoenix at St. Louis
Chicago at Nashville
Detroit at Edmonton
Vancouver at Los Angeles

Friday's games
N.Y. Islanders at Washington
Pittsburgh at Columbus
Toronto at Buffalo
N.Y. Rangers at Minnesota
Montreal at Chicago
Florida at Dallas
Vancouver at Anaheim
Colorado at San Jose

Monday

Rangers 5, Coyotes 2

Phoenix	0	2	0	—2
N.Y. Rangers	2	2	1	—5

First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Anisimov 3 (Boyle, Brashear), 2:31. 2, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 9 (Dubinsky, Kotalik), 13:09 (pp).

Second Period—3, N.Y. Rangers, Prospal 4 (Gaborik, Lisin), 6:05. 4, N.Y. Rangers, Gaborik 10 (Prospal, Del Zotto), 7:46 (pp). 5, Phoenix, Jovanovski 4 (Doan, Winnik), 15:47. 6, Phoenix, Fiddler 1 (Winnik, Jovanovski), 19:19 (sh).

Third Period—7, N.Y. Rangers, Lisin 3 (Prospal, Del Zotto), 11:47.

Shots on Goal—Phoenix 9-11-12—32. N.Y. Rangers 5-11-8—24.

Power-play opportunities—Phoenix 0 of 5; N.Y. Rangers 2 of 5.

Goalies—Phoenix, Bryzgalov 6-3-0 (11 shots-7 saves), LaBarbera (7:46 second, 13-12). N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 7-2-1 (32-30).

A—18,200 (18,200). **T—**2:20.

Canadiens 3, Islanders 2 (OT)

N.Y. Islanders	0	1	1	0—2
Montreal	1	0	1	1—3

First Period—1, Montreal, Spacek 1 (Metropolit, Moen), 13:34.

Second Period—2, N.Y. Islanders, Tambellini 2 (Okposo, Bailey), 18:18 (pp).

Third Period—3, Montreal, Moen 3 (Cammalleri, Metropolit), 7:44. 4, N.Y. Islanders, Tambellini 3 (Moulson), 15:44 (pp).

Overtime—5, Montreal, Hamrlik 3 (Plekanec), 1:32.

Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 11-11-7-2—31. Montreal 12-12-5-2—31.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 2 of 7; Montreal 0 of 2.

Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, Biron 0-3-2 (31 shots-28 saves). Montreal, Halak 4-1-0 (31-29).

A—21,273 (21,273). **T—**2:21.

Maple Leafs 6, Ducks 3

Toronto	2	1	3	—6
Anaheim	1	1	1	—3

First Period—1, Anaheim, Nokelainen 1 (Niedermayer, Ryan), 10:28. 2, Toronto, Grabovski 2 (Stajan, Kaberle), 14:34 (pp). 3, Toronto, Hagman 4 (Kaberle, Stempniak), 15:50 (pp).

Second Period—4, Toronto, Hagman 5 (Stempniak, Kaberle), 8:40 (pp). 5, Anaheim, Ryan 2 (Perry, Niedermayer), 15:16 (pp).

Third Period—6, Toronto, Stempniak 2 (Stajan, Blake), 3:58. 7, Toronto, Kaberle 1 (Stempniak, Mitchell), 6:11 (pp). 8, Toronto, Hagman 6 (Stajan, Kaberle), 10:10 (pp). 9, Anaheim, Perry 5 (Mikkelson, Getzlaf), 13:27.

Shots on Goal—Toronto 19-6-14—39. Anaheim 10-7-11—28.

Power-play opportunities—Toronto 5 of 11; Anaheim 1 of 3.

Goalies—Toronto, Gustavsson 1-2-0 (28 shots-25 saves). Anaheim, Hiller 3-4-0 (39-33).

A—14,291 (17,174). **T—**2:37

Blackhawks 3, Wild 1

Minnesota	0	0	1	—1
Chicago	2	0	1	—3

First Period—1, Chicago, Bolland 2 (Ladd, Hendry), 9:23. 2, Chicago, Brouwer 3 (Kopecky, Keith), 17:13 (pp).

Third Period—3, Minnesota, Brunette 7 (Miettinen, Koivu), 3:29. 4, Chicago, Kane 4, 6:54.

Shots on Goal—Minnesota 10-6-5—21. Chicago 10-11-14—35.

Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 6; Chicago 1 of 4.

Goalies—Minnesota, Backstrom 3-6-0 (35 shots-32 saves). Chicago, Huet 4-2-1 (21-20).

A—20,046 (19,717). **T—**2:18.

Leaders

Through Oct. 26

Goals

Name	Team	GP	G
Marian Gaborik	NY Rangers	12	10
Anze Kopitar	Los Angeles	12	10
Ilya Kovalchuk	Atlanta	8	9
Patrick Marleau	San Jose	12	9
Alex Ovechkin	Washington	10	9
Dany Heatley	San Jose	12	8
Dustin Penner	Edmonton	11	8

Assists

Name	Team	GP	A
Joe Thornton	San Jose	12	14
Vaclav Prospal	NY Rangers	12	12
Anze Kopitar	Los Angeles	12	11
Dan Boyle	San Jose	12	10
Ales Hemsky	Edmonton	10	10
Brad Richards	Dallas	9	10
Martin St. Louis	Tampa Bay	9	10

NHL roundup

Maple Leafs defeat Ducks for first win

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Niklas Hagman scored three of Toronto's five power-play goals, and the Maple Leafs finally earned their first victory of the season, 6-3 over the last-place Anaheim Ducks on Monday night.

Tomas Kaberle scored a career-high five points and Lee Stempniak added a career-best four for the Maple Leafs (1-7-1).

Jonas Gustavsson made 25 saves in his first start in nearly three weeks as Toronto repeatedly capitalized on Anaheim's 17 penalties and all-around sloppy play. The Maple Leafs scored four goals while Anaheim had just three skaters on the ice, including three two-man advantage goals.

Petteri Nokelainen, Bobby Ryan and Corey Perry scored for the slumping Ducks, whose penalty-killers struggled even more than the Maple Leafs' league-worst unit. Jonas Hiller stopped 33 shots, but couldn't keep up with the Maple Leafs' lengthy advantages during Anaheim's fourth straight loss.

The Ducks have given up 21 goals during their skid.

Rangers 5, Coyotes 2: Marian Gaborik scored two goals and added an assist as host New York defeated Phoenix.

The Rangers scored two goals on five shots in the first period and two on six attempts in the second to chase goalie Ilya Bryzgalov.

Canadiens 3, Islanders 2 (OT): Roman Hamrlik scored 1:32 into overtime to lift host Montreal to its fourth straight victory.

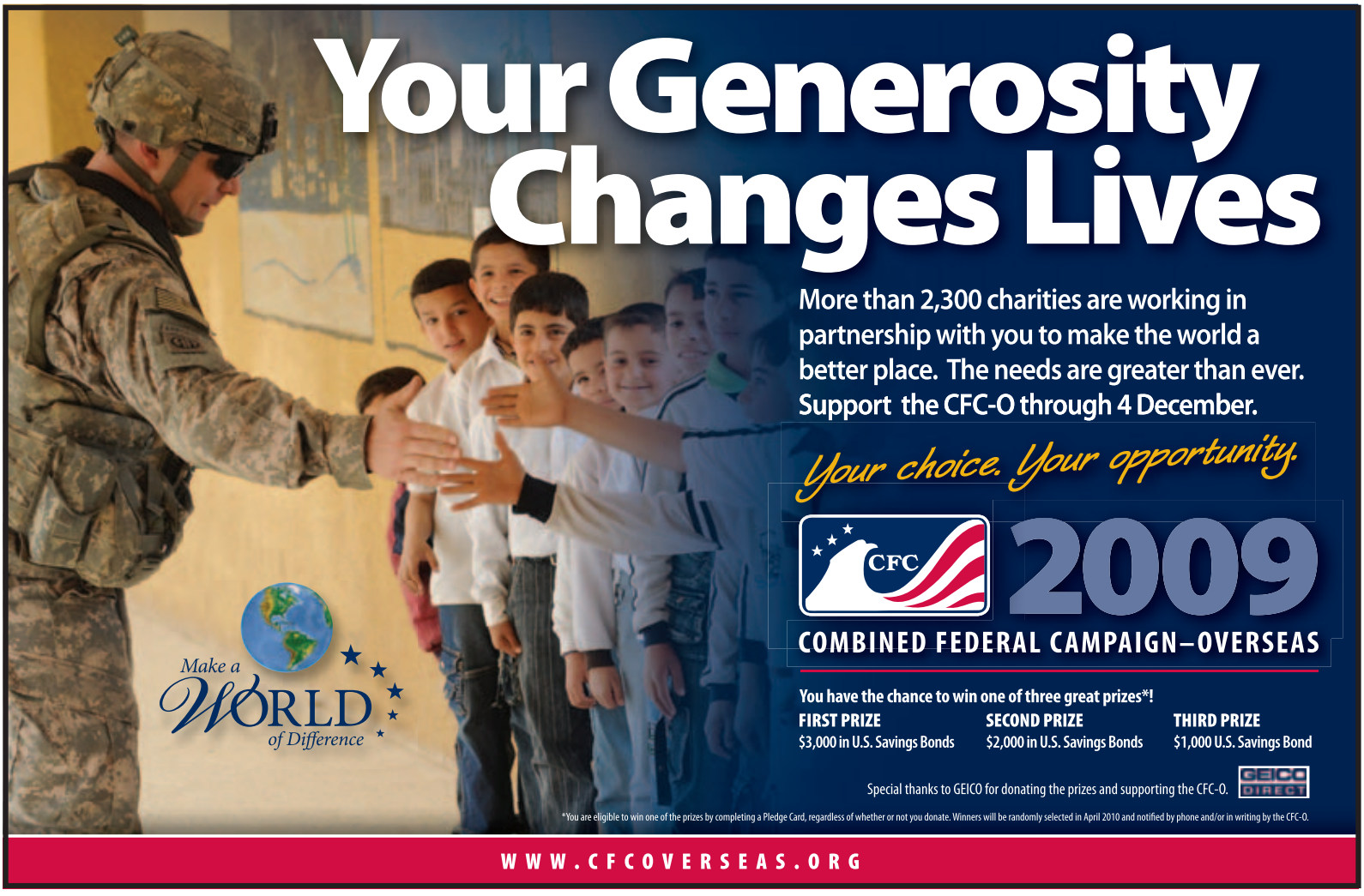
Hamrlik took Tomas Plekanec's centering flip pass from the right side on a 2-on-1 and put a shot into the open left side.

Jeff Tambellini drew New York even for the second time 15:24 into the third with his second power-play goal of the game.

Jaroslav Halak made 29 saves in his fourth straight start for the Canadiens (6-5-0), who finished a 4-2 homestand.

Blackhawks 3, Wild 1: Patrick Kane scored a spectacular third-period goal just 3:25 after Minnesota had made it a one-goal game and Chicago dropped the Wild to 0-8 on the road.

Minnesota became the first NHL team to earn zero points in its first eight road games since Pittsburgh in 1996.



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Kadena Panthers seniors Kyle Sprow, top, and Elissa Mason, shown during September competition, repeated as Okinawa Activities Council singles champions, and each is the defending Far East champion.

High school tennis

Kadena's Sprow, Mason repeat as OAC singles champs

Stars and Stripes

CAMP FOSTER, Okinawa — Kadena seniors Kyle Sprow and Elissa Mason are Okinawa Activities Council district tennis singles champions again. Now, that that's done, can they repeat their Far East Tournament titles?

Each champion said that while title repeats are on their minds, they try not to dwell on it.

"You take it one match at a time, one day at a time," Sprow said after dispatching his senior teammate Elliot Mason 6-0, 6-1 in the OAC boys final. "I don't try to think about it. Just go out and play and try to improve my game."

"I've been trying to do as well as I can all season," Mason said after topping junior teammate Christin Gentz 6-0, 6-1 in the OAC girls final. "Hopefully, I can do it once more."

They'll get that chance during Far East, scheduled for Nov. 9-11 at Kadena Air Base's Risner Tennis Complex. Sprow has won the last two Far East singles titles; he and Mason won the doubles title and Mason won the girls singles last November.

Sprow and Elliot Mason met in last year's singles final as well. "We've played each other many times the last four years. We know each other so well," Sprow said.

"It's good practice for both of us to play each other," Elissa Mason said. "(But) hopefully, we won't have to play each other in singles at Far East."

High school scoreboard

Okinawa

Tennis
Tuesday's results
Okinawa Activities Council District
Singles Championship
At Kubasaki High School, Camp Foster
Boys
Quarterfinals
Kyle Sprow, Kadena, def. Luke Board, Kubasaki, 8-0
Arlo Taylor, Kadena, def. Taft Harbison, Kubasaki, 8-1
Elliot Mason, Kadena, def. Reej Buenaventura, Kubaaski, 8-0
Ryan Yerger, Kadena, def. Kris Wood, ubasaki, 8-3
Semifinals
Sprow def. Taylor 8-2
Mason def. Yerger 8-3
Championship
Sprow def. Mason 6-0, 6-1
Girls
Quarterfinals
Elissa Mason, Kadena, def. Miasha Nakahara, Kubasaki, 8-0
Monica Saldana, Kubasaki, def. Katie Mundie, Kadena, 8-5
Christin Gentz, Kadena, def. Tiajha Nakahara, Kubasaki, 8-2
Tammi Ragan, Kubasaki, def. Minjung Kim, Kadena, 8-5
Semifinals
Mason def. Saldana 8-2
Gentz def. Ragan 8-3
Championship
Mason def. Gentz 6-1, 6-1
Noteworthy-Sprow won his fourth straight OAC district singles title, Mason her second straight.

Japan

Girls volleyball
Tuesday's summary
International School of the Sacred Heart def. Yokota 25-4, 25-19, 25-14
At Yokota Air Base
Spike kills-ISSH, Maya Daver Massion 10; Yokota, Shannon Jenkins 5. **Serving**-ISSH, Emma Valentine 31-for-32, 14 winners, 8 aces. **Block points**-ISSH, Hannah Arbour 3, Briana Griffiths 3. **Set assists**-ISSH, Jennifer Kelley 12; Yokota, Karina Coleman 9.

NFL: EAGLES 27, REDSKINS 17

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
New England	5	2	0	.714	198	98
N.Y. Jets	4	3	0	.571	152	104
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	113	138
Miami	2	4	0	.333	146	152
South						
Indianapolis	6	0	0	1.000	179	77
Houston	4	3	0	.571	167	158
Jacksonville	3	3	0	.500	120	147
Tennessee	0	6	0	.000	84	198
North						
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	163	128
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	.714	167	129
Baltimore	3	3	0	.500	169	130
Cleveland	1	6	0	.143	72	179
West						
Denver	6	0	0	1.000	133	66
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	161	143
Oakland	2	5	0	.286	62	177
Kansas City	1	6	0	.143	105	181

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
East						
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	195	143
Philadelphia	4	2	0	.667	163	116
Dallas	4	2	0	.667	159	119
Washington	2	5	0	.286	96	123
South						
New Orleans	6	0	0	1.000	238	127
Atlanta	4	2	0	.667	144	114
Carolina	2	4	0	.333	94	145
Tampa Bay	0	7	0	.000	96	203
North						
Minnesota	6	1	0	.857	206	148
Green Bay	4	2	0	.667	161	96
Chicago	3	3	0	.500	129	144
Detroit	1	5	0	.167	103	188
West						
Arizona	4	2	0	.667	136	109
San Francisco	3	3	0	.500	133	122
Seattle	2	4	0	.333	118	109
St. Louis	0	7	0	.000	60	211

Sunday's games
New England 35, Tampa Bay 7
Pittsburgh 27, Minnesota 17
Houston 24, San Francisco 21
Indianapolis 42, St. Louis 6
San Diego 37, Kansas City 7
Green Bay 31, Cleveland 3
Buffalo 20, Carolina 9
N.Y. Jets 38, Oakland 0
Dallas 37, Atlanta 21
Cincinnati 45, Chicago 10
New Orleans 46, Miami 34
Arizona 24, N.Y. Giants 17
Open: Denver, Seattle, Detroit, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Tennessee
Monday's game
Philadelphia 27, Washington 17
Sunday, Nov. 1
St. Louis at Detroit
Miami at N.Y. Jets
Seattle at Dallas
Cleveland at Chicago
Denver at Baltimore
Houston at Buffalo
San Francisco at Indianapolis
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia
Oakland at San Diego
Jacksonville at Tennessee
Minnesota at Green Bay
Carolina at Arizona
Open: New England, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, Washington, Tampa Bay
Monday, Nov. 2
Atlanta at New Orleans

Monday
Eagles 27, Redskins 17

Philadelphia	14	13	0	0—27
Washington	0	10	0	7—17

First Quarter
Phi—D.Jackson 67 run (Akers kick), 13:06.
Phi—Witherspoon 9 interception return (Akers kick), 1:00.
Second Quarter
Phi—FG Akers 47, 13:26.
Was—D.Thomas 2 pass from Campbell (Suisham kick), 8:00.
Phi—FG Akers 44, 4:08.
Phi—D.Jackson 57 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 1:50.
Was—FG Suisham 47, :00.
Fourth Quarter
Was—Davis 1 pass from Campbell (Suisham kick), 1:38.
A—88,241.

	Phi	Was
First downs	11	21
Total Net Yards	262	308
Rushes-yards	27-122	19-62
Passing	140	246
Punt Returns	4-32	3-10
Kickoff Returns	2-37	6-161
Interceptions Ret.	1-9	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	16-26-0	29-43-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-21	6-38
Punts	8-34.5	7-43.1
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	4-3
Penalties-Yards	12-66	6-60
Time of Possession	28:17	31:43

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
Rushing—Philadelphia, D.Jackson 1-67, McCoy 14-37, Westbrook 3-13, Vick 3-9, Weaver 1-1, McNabb 5-(minus 5). **Washington**, Portis 14-43, Cartwright 1-11, Campbell 4-8.
Passing—Philadelphia, McNabb 15-25-0-156, Vick 1-1-0-5. **Washington**, Campbell 29-43-1-284.
Receiving—Philadelphia, Maclin 5-53, McCoy 5-30, Celek 3-8, D.Jackson 2-69, Weaver 1-1. **Washington**, Davis 8-78, Moss 6-74, Randle El 5-39, D.Thomas 3-45, Betts 3-21, Cooley 2-21, Sellers 2-6.
Missed field goals—None.

NFL calendar

Jan. 9-10, 2010 — Wild card playoffs.
Jan. 16-17 — Divisional playoffs.
Jan. 24 — Conference championships.
Jan. 31 — Pro Bowl, Miami.
Feb. 7 — Super Bowl, Miami.
Feb. 24-March 2 — NFL combine, Indianapolis.
March 5 — Free agency begins.

MANUEL BALCE CENETA/AP

Philadelphia's Will Witherspoon scores a TD after intercepting a pass against the Washington Redskins on Monday night. Witherspoon, in his first game with the Eagles since being acquired in a trade with the St. Louis Rams, also had eight tackles, a sack and a forced fumble in the Eagles' 27-17 victory.

Eagles linebacker disruptive in debut

BY JOSEPH WHITE
The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — The Philadelphia Eagles' new guy fit right in, scoring a touchdown, stripping the quarterback of the ball and leading the team in tackles.

The Washington Redskins' new guy didn't make much difference. The plays called by Sherm Lewis were no more effective than those previously called by head coach Jim Zorn.

There are plenty of other reasons the Eagles beat the Redskins 27-17 Monday night. Philadelphia (4-2) has more talent, more stability and more big-play capability. Washington (2-5) is sinking into a morass of disenchantment with a limited talent supply drained by another injury, this time a broken ankle suffered by Pro Bowl tight end Chris Cooley.

But how about Eagles linebacker Will Witherspoon?

On just his sixth day with the team, having been acquired in a trade with the St. Louis Rams, the eight-year veteran started at middle linebacker and had a stunning stat line: eight tackles, one sack, one quarterback hurry, a deflected pass, one forced fumble and an interception returned 9 yards for a touchdown.

"What? Who in their right mind would think that in their first game?" Witherspoon said. "But when it comes down to it, it happened. ... For the first game with a new team — for me, it put the stamp on it. Saying, 'Hey, this is exactly what I want to bring to this team. This is exactly who I want to be.'"

DeSean Jackson scored on a 67-yard run and a 57-yard reception, both in the first half, for the Eagles. Donovan McNabb completed 15 of 25 passes for 156 yards, getting his 200th touchdown pass and surpassing 30,000 yards passing for his career. Trent Cole got two of Philadelphia's six sacks.

Three turnovers were converted into points as the Eagles raced to a 27-7 lead late in the second quarter. No one was going to accuse Philadelphia of taking another weak opponent lightly after last week's loss at Oakland.

"A lot rode on this game," Jackson said, "so we did what we needed to do."

The Eagles lost Brian Westbrook in the first quarter with a concussion after his helmet rammed into linebacker London Fletcher's knee at the end of a 5-yard run. Coach Andy Reid said he expects Westbrook to recover fully but will play it safe with his star running back.

"We'll see how he is," Reid said. "I'm not going to put him out there when he's at risk."

The Redskins also had a significant injury, and it's one that doesn't heal quickly. Cooley, who has never missed a game and is the team's most consistent receiving threat, went down on the first play of the second quarter.

Zorn said it's too early to know if the injury is season-ending. Regardless, it is another blow to a Redskins offense that is already without starting linemen Chris Samuels and Randy Thomas.

As for Lewis, the consultant hired three weeks ago by owner Dan Snyder was almost inconsequential. Taking over the play-calling from Zorn — a mandate from the front office after last week's loss to Kansas City — he found himself trying to shepherd an offense that has trouble blocking and holding on to the ball.

The Redskins fumbled four times, losing three. Jason Campbell was sacked six times, and the offensive line created little room for Clinton Portis, who rushed for only 43 yards.

"Well, the result was the same. We got 17 points," Zorn said. "It was difficult for me. It was difficult to stand and watch. The hard part is to keep your mouth shut."

NFL briefs

49ers switch to former No. 1 pick Smith

Raiders, Browns stick with struggling QBs; Titans, Panthers unsure

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Alex Smith is getting a big chance to resurrect his career. All but forgotten, the former No. 1 overall pick is the San Francisco 49ers' new starting quarterback — again.

"I don't know if I'd say surprised. I don't know if I was anticipating it, either," Smith said Monday after getting the news from coach Mike Singletary. "It's the opportunity I've been waiting for; happy."

Singletary made the announcement Monday after also sitting down with Shaun Hill, who was benched after going 6-for-11 for 45 yards in the first half of the Niners loss Sunday at Houston.

Smith, who hadn't played in nearly two years, came in and gave the offense a much-needed jolt of energy and efficiency, and he nearly led San Francisco (3-3) back from a 21-0 deficit.

"As far as will Shaun Hill be back and all this other stuff, we're not going to be a flavor-of-the-month kind of thing where, 'Let's see, this guy will be this week, this guy will be next week,'" Singletary said. "I wanted to make the decision based upon who I feel gives us the best chance to win."

Smith completed his first six passes and finished 15-for-22 for 206 yards and three touchdowns to tight end Vernon Davis.

Cable hopes benching motivates Russell

ALAMEDA, Calif. — There was a bit of a disconnect between coach and quarterback after the latest blowout loss for the Oakland Raiders.

Coach Tom Cable said he needed to make a quarterback change because JaMarcus Russell was "out of sorts" in a three-turnover performance. Russell's response: "Actually I wasn't."

Cable said any possible confusion over the decision was ironed out when he met with Russell on Monday to go over the film from the 38-0 loss to the New York Jets and start planning for this week's game at San Diego.

"I think today in talking with him he's pretty clear on what went on," Cable said.

Russell finished 6-for-11 for 61 yards with the three turnovers and was replaced by Bruce Gradkowski, who also couldn't lead the Raiders to any points.

For the season, he has completed just 46.3 percent of his passes, with two touchdowns, eight interceptions and five lost fumbles. His 47.2 rating is ahead of only Cleveland's Derek Anderson.

Cable says Russell remains his starter despite the benching and the hope around the Raiders is the brief demotion will serve as a motivating factor for Russell this week against the Chargers.

Browns: Quinn not in plans

BEREA, Ohio — Cleveland Browns coach Eric Mangini has no plans to bench Derek Anderson, the NFL's lowest-rated quarterback, for Brady Quinn or anyone else.

Anderson has completed just 23 of 70 passes in the past three games and came out of Sunday's 31-3 loss to Green Bay with an overall 40.6 rating — nearly seven points behind the second-lowest QB, Oakland's JaMarcus Russell.

Despite the atrocious stats, Mangini feels Anderson gives his team the best chance to win and will not switch back to Quinn, who began the season as Cleveland's starter but was replaced by Anderson after only 10 quarters.

Fox: No decision yet whether to bench Delhomme

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — For the first time in seven years, Jake Delhomme is in jeopardy of losing his starting job.

After another abysmal performance Sunday left Delhomme with an NFL-high 13 interceptions, Panthers coach John Fox acknowledged he's contemplating benching Delhomme in favor of either Matt Moore or A.J. Feeley.

"I still believe Jake is our best quarterback. I have no reason to believe otherwise, truth be told," Fox said Monday. "But collectively we'll do whatever it takes for us to improve. What that is I can't honestly tell you at this second."

A day earlier, Delhomme threw three interceptions, two which were badly overthrown and directly led to 14 Buffalo points in the Bills' 20-9 victory.

Chiefs RB Johnson apologizes; team tells him to stay away

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs have barred running back Larry Johnson from team activities pending an investigation into his use of a homosexual slur this week.

Johnson, a two-time Pro Bowl running back for the Chiefs, apologized Tuesday to his team, fans and the NFL "for the words I used."

"I regret my actions. The words were used by me in frustration, and they were not appropriate," he said. "I did not intend to offend anyone, but that is no excuse for what I said."

Johnson posted the slur on his Twitter account Sunday in a response to another tweet. On Monday, he said it again in refusing to talk with reporters, according to a recording made by the Kansas City Star.

The Chiefs and the NFL are investigating.

Ware, Cowboys agree on contract extension

IRVING, Texas — Three-time Pro Bowl linebacker DeMarcus Ware finally has his big contract with the Dallas Cowboys. He just won't be getting paid as much as some of the elite quarterbacks he will be trying to sack.

After months of talks that intensified over the past two weeks, Ware agreed Monday to a $78 million, six-year deal through the 2015 season that guarantees him $40 million.

"I feel like I work really hard and am really deserving of what they've given me," Ware said. "All this is behind me now. It's time to get to work. You know what it's time to bring home. I'm not going to say what it is, we're just going to show you, and I'm going to show you."

The 27-year-old Ware, who was in the final season of the contract he signed after being the 11th overall pick in the 2005 draft, has 57½ sacks while starting all 70 of his regular-season games.

Redskins' Cooley probably headed to IR

ASHBURN, Va. — Redskins tight end Chris Cooley is essentially done for the season with a broken right ankle.

Washington coach Jim Zorn said Tuesday that Cooley will probably be placed on injured reserve this week after getting hurt in Monday night's 24-17 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles.

The two-time Pro Bowl player will be sidelined a minimum of six to eight weeks, and it's yet to be determined whether he will have surgery. With only 10 weeks left in the regular season and the Redskins (2-5) headed nowhere, it makes little sense to plan for Cooley to return.

Bills' Whitner gets probation in disorderly conduct case

CLEVELAND — Buffalo Bills defensive back Donte Whitner was placed in a first-time offenders program Tuesday with probation for three months for a disorderly conduct case in Cleveland.

Whitner was arrested in April on allegations of trying to force his way past police officers dealing with a crowd outside a nightclub. He was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

Jaguars could be without Mathis against Titans

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Rashean Mathis wore pink cleats, pink gloves and pink wristbands as part of the NFL's drive to support breast cancer awareness month.

Now, he's got a pink cast to match.

Jacksonville's best defensive back has a broken index finger on his left hand and could miss Sunday's game at Tennessee.

Wearing a pink and black cast, Mathis said Tuesday he still has a screw in his finger and several stitches. Although they will be removed later this week, he doesn't expect to practice and isn't sure whether he will playthis week.

Jets WR Edwards faces assault charge in Cleveland

CLEVELAND — Former Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards has been charged with misdemeanor assault over accusations he punched a man outside a Cleveland nightclub, an incident that prompted his trade to the New York Jets.

Cleveland city prosecutor Victor Perez filed the charge Monday. It carries a maximum sentence of six months in jail and a $1,000 fine. An arraignment was scheduled for Nov. 17 in Cleveland Municipal Court.

Patrick D'Angelo, an attorney for Edwards, said his client will plead not guilty.

The Jets said in a statement that the team was aware of the allegations prior to the trade and will let the legal process to run its course.

Edwards is accused of punching promoter Edward Givens, a friend of NBA star LeBron James, following an argument Oct. 5 on the sidewalk outside View Ultralounge & Nightclub on Prospect Avenue.

Report: Titans owner wants Young to start against Jaguars

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Jeff Fisher has stayed away from a quarterback controversy all through the Tennessee Titans' dreadful start.

Now, team owner Bud Adams reportedly wants a change.

Adams informed Fisher he wants Vince Young to start over Kerry Collins this weekend against Jacksonville, according to the Tennessean. The Nashville newspaper cited sources Tuesday that Adams apparently told Fisher his preference after the Titans lost to New England 59-0 on Oct. 18 and became more insistent during the bye week.

Fisher declined Monday to say who his starter will be Sunday for "competitive reasons." He had stuck with Collins throughout the 0-6 start as the best chance to win.

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174	MARKY MARK	Mannheim
174	MasterP	Bagram Air Field
172	SA1966	WAAF

Top 10 Overall Scores

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1320	Willylump	HQ USAREUR G6
1304	retiredhoosier	DES
1298	davez	181st SIG CO
1298	RichieRich	USANATO
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Sports briefs

Clippers' Griffin out with broken kneecap

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Blake Griffin's NBA debut has been pushed back indefinitely after the Los Angeles Clippers revealed late Monday night that their No. 1 overall draft pick has a broken left kneecap.

The stress fracture could sideline the former Oklahoma star for six weeks, the team announced, promising further information Tuesday.

Griffin, who averaged 13.7 points and 8.1 rebounds per game during the preseason, was not going to be in the Clippers' lineup when they face the Lakers in their opener Tuesday night, and he could be out much longer. The Clippers play 20 games in the first six weeks of the regular season.

Griffin apparently broke his kneecap during the Clippers' final exhibition game against New Orleans last Friday, perhaps after a dunk that left the power forward wincing in pain. The team initially said Griffin only had a sore left knee, making him questionable for the opener, before revealing the break.

Griffin was the consensus college player of the year with 22.7 points and an NCAA-best 14.4 rebounds per game last season for the Sooners.

After the Clippers won the draft lottery and selected him, Griffin strained his right shoulder during a summer league game in July. The team brought him back cautiously, and Griffin said he was totally healthy in the preseason.

Los Angeles was mostly healthy going into this fall, with point guard Baron Davis and center Chris Kaman both ready to play after missing chunks of last season.

Police: Man charged with murder of UConn player

STORRS, Conn. — Police have charged a Connecticut man with the murder of a University of Connecticut football player outside a school-sanctioned dance, but his defense attorney says he was just trying to break up a fight.

Two others also were charged in the fight that led to the stabbing death of 20-year-old Jasper Howard, of Miami.

Police say 21-year-old John William Lomax III is charged with murder and conspiracy to commit assault.

Police say they also charged 20-year-old Hakim Muhammad, of Bloomfield, with conspiracy to commit assault, and 21-year-old Jamal Todd with pulling a fire alarm that emptied the dance, triggering the fight.

Lomax's attorney says his client wasn't present when the argument started, but tried to break up the fight.

Howard, a starting cornerback whose nickname was Jazz, was stabbed early Oct. 18, hours after helping his team to a homecoming game win over Louisville.

Mariners' Griffey has surgery on knee

SEATTLE — The Seattle Mariners say Ken Griffey Jr. has undergone arthroscopic surgery on his left knee to remove a bone spur.

The team says Griffey had the surgery on Monday in Cincinnati and was performed by Dr. Timothy Kremchek. Normal recovery time is four to six weeks.

It's the second time in a year that Griffey has undergone surgery on his left knee. He was limited by the knee at times during the 2009 season. He had it drained on multiple occasions.

Griffey hit .214 this season with 19 homers and 57 RBIs in 117 games and was embraced by fans in his return to Seattle. He was a designated hitter for all but the first weeks of the season.

Griffey, who turns 40 in November, has not announced whether he will play in 2010.

In other baseball news:

■ The $845 million sale of the Chicago Cubs, Wrigley Field and other assets from the Tribune Co. to the Ricketts family was completed Tuesday, more than 2½ years after the baseball franchise was put on the market.

The family of billionaire Joe Ricketts, the founder of Omaha, Neb.-based TD Ameritrade, takes a 95 percent controlling interest in the baseball franchise, its storied ballpark and 25 percent of Comcast Sportsnet, which broadcasts many Cubs games.

After taxes and fees, Chicago-based Tribune, which owns the Chicago Tribune, Los Angles Times, other newspapers and TV stations, expects to reap about $740 million from the deal. Family members Pete, Tom, Laura and Todd Ricketts will control the team as its board of directors, though Tribune retains a 5 percent stake and will have a seat on the board.

Andretti defends late caution call

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — John Andretti defended NASCAR's decision not to throw a caution when he couldn't move his disabled car from the finish line at Martinsville Speedway on Sunday.

Andretti crashed on the frontstretch during the next to last lap of the race, and NASCAR apparently believed he could move his car out of the way in time for the field to race its way across the finish line. Because he couldn't, the caution wasn't called until the cars were coming out of the final turn and quickly closing in on Andretti.

"It wasn't a bad call," Andretti said in a statement on Monday. "To me, I wasn't in a great position, but I wasn't in an overly dangerous position. NASCAR focuses on the race itself, and they want to see the winner come across the finish line.

"It's probably the call I would've made. I would've gotten out of the way if I could've. But I had a couple of issues. The car was too damaged."

It's second time since the start of the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship that NASCAR waited until the last moment to call a caution for an accident near the start/finish line. A similar incident occurred last month in the Chase opener at New Hampshire.

In other racing news:

■ Joe Gibbs Racing will replace Kyle Busch's crew chief after this weekend's race at Talladega Superspeedway.

Steve Addington is out after 12 victories in 68 races running Busch's team.

He'll be replaced by Dave Rogers, a crew chief for JGR in the Nationwide Series.

Addington leaves after a disappointing season for Busch. He won four races but missed a spot in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship by just eight points.

Toronto FC fires interim coach

TORONTO — Toronto FC has dismissed interim coach Chris Cummins after the team missed the playoffs and finished with a losing record.

Toronto FC did not renew Cummins' contract on Tuesday. The team finished the season with a 10-11-9 record.

Cummins' coaching record was eight wins, nine losses and seven draws.

He was hired as an assistant coach in May 2008, taking over as interim head coach in April when John Carver stepped down.

GUS RUELAS/AP

Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin works against New Orleans Hornets forward David West, back, and guard Bobby Brown, front, on Friday. The Clippers announced that Griffin broke his kneecap in the game and will be out indefinitely.

Florida Supreme Court denies NCAA motion for a stay

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The NCAA's bid to delay a court order to release its records on academic cheating at Florida State was rejected Tuesday by the Florida Supreme Court.

In a terse one-sentence order, the high court denied the NCAA's emergency motion. However, that decision does not preclude them from considering the merits of the case later.

Attorneys for the NCAA provided the records to a Tallahassee law firm to prepare for release, although they aren't expected to vary much from documents already made public by Florida State University. The school released copies earlier this month from "screen shots" of documents posted on a secure, read-only Web site, but not the originals.

The Associated Press and other media sought immediate release after an appelate court on Oct. 13 upheld an earlier ruling that the documents are public records. A circuit judge last week ordered the NCAA to release the documents by 2 p.m. Wednesday unless it could win a stay.

The AP sued to get the records on the college athletics governing body's plan to strip coaches and athletes of victories in 10 sports.

Flyers' Gagne has two small hernias

PHILADELPHIA — Flyers forward Simon Gagne has two small hernias in his right groin and could face surgery, the team announced Tuesday.

The Flyers left winger had an ultrasound on Monday that discovered the hernias. Flyers general manager Paul Holmgren said the team's medical staff will meet with Gagne on Wednesday to discuss his options.

Gagne has struggled this season with only one goal in nine games.

In other hockey news:

■ The Columbus Blue Jackets placed center Andrew Murray on injured reserve Tuesday with a shoulder injury.

General Manager Scott Howson announced the move, retroactive to Oct. 20. Murray is expected to miss at least four weeks.

Kentucky president says school trying to protect Wall

LEXINGTON, Ky. — University of Kentucky president Lee Todd said Tuesday he has no problem with the way the school has handled the investigation into freshman point guard John Wall's eligibility.

Todd said the school was simply trying to protect Wall and did not apologize for being more forthright about Wall's status. ESPN.com reported last week the NCAA was looking into whether Wall's relationship with his AAU coach — who worked briefly as a licensed sports agent during Wall's high school career — violated NCAA amateurism rules.

The report said the school has known about the situation for some time, but Todd said the university did not want to put Wall and his family through press scrutiny.

In other college basketball news:

■ Israeli guard Nimrod Tishman is eligible to play for Florida.

Coach Billy Donovan said Tuesday the NCAA cleared Tishman, a 6-foot-5 freshman from Tel Aviv, Israel, this week. He already had been cleared to practice.

Tishman averaged 18.3 points, 4.0 rebounds and 2.3 assists at the Under-18 European Championships in France this summer. He also played for the club team Maccabi Tel Aviv during high school.

WORLD SERIES: PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES vs. NEW YORK YANKEES

How the teams match up

By Mike Fitzpatrick
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A position-by-position look at the Philadelphia Phillies and New York Yankees going into the World Series, starting Wednesday night at Yankee Stadium:

First base

Phillies: Ryan Howard. The NL championship series MVP was downright fearsome in the first two playoff rounds, batting .355 with two homers, 14 RBIs, four doubles, a triple and seven walks. All that after hitting 45 home runs and tying for the major league lead with 141 RBIs during the regular season. One of baseball's premier sluggers, the 2006 NL MVP lost 40 pounds last offseason and became a much better all-around player. Without sacrificing power, he improved his defense and speed — and even cut down on strikeouts a bit.

Yankees: Mark Teixeira. After striking it rich as a free agent by signing a $180 million, eight-year contract with the Yankees last offseason, Teixeira was everything his new team could have hoped for. A switch-hitter with a sharp eye, he topped the AL in RBIs (122) and tied for the league lead with 39 homers, making him an MVP contender. While he's hitting only .205 with a homer and five RBIs in the postseason, Teixeira's Gold Glove has made a huge difference and saved the Yankees on many occasions.

Edge: Even.

Second base

Phillies: Chase Utley. The top second baseman in the National League, Utley is a gritty gamer who has started the past four All-Star Games. He returned quickly from hip surgery that followed last year's World Series championship, batting .282 with 31 homers, 93 RBIs and 23 steals this season. Steady, smart and dangerous at the plate, his defense can be shaky. Utley made two key errors in the NLCS against the Dodgers.

Yankees: Robinson Cano. With his smooth and sweet left-handed swing, Cano is a big reason New York's relentless offense is so hazardous on pitchers. He provides something most teams don't have: power near the bottom of the lineup. Bouncing back from a 2008 slump, he batted .320 with 25 homers, 48 doubles, 85 RBIs, 204 hits and 103 runs this season. He's a skilled defender with terrific range and soft, quick hands, but in the past he tended to lapse in the field. This year, better concentration and fundamental footwork.

Edge: Phillies, barely.

Shortstop

Phillies: Jimmy Rollins. The 2007 NL MVP picked up his production in the second half this season. A switch-hitter with speed, Rollins is an aggressive swinger and his .296 on-base percentage hardly seems conducive to the leadoff spot. But he's a pint-sized energizer who often makes the Phillies go. Rollins loves the bright lights and big stage. His two-run double with two outs in the ninth inning gave Philadelphia a 5-4 victory in Game 4 of the NLCS. Often overlooked is Rollins' outstanding defense — he made only six errors this season.

Yankees: Derek Jeter. Back in the World Series for the first time in six years, Jeter already owns four championship rings from the 1996-2000 dynasty. The club's career hits leader has a tenacious and tireless drive to win, and plays that way every day. For him, October is no different from May — the margin for error is just smaller. Known as Captain Clutch by adoring fans in Da Bronx, the 2000 World Series MVP excelled at the plate after being moved up to the leadoff spot this year. At age 35, he even improved on defense.

Edge: Yankees.

Matt Slocum/AP

Philadelphia Phillies second baseman Chase Utley batted .282 with 31 homers and 23 steals this season.

Lenny Ignelzi/AP

New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, the 2000 World Series MVP, would like to add a fifth championship ring to his collection.

Third base

Phillies: Pedro Feliz. A complementary role player with a knack for big hits, Feliz knows nothing but winning in two seasons with Philadelphia. A free-swinger who rarely walks, he had 82 RBIs during the regular season. Like Cano, Feliz can supply power near the bottom of the lineup. He also owns a very strong arm, giving him an aptitude for spectacular defensive plays. He went 5-for-31 (.161) in the playoffs with a homer and two RBIs.

Yankees: Alex Rodriguez. After accomplishing almost everything else, the three-time AL MVP is in the World Series for the first time in his 16-year career. Jeered in the past for all those October failures, he's carried New York's offense at times this postseason. Thriving under late-inning pressure, he batted .438 with five homers, 12 RBIs and nine walks in the first two rounds. Rodriguez's season started with a tense spring training news conference to admit steroids use from 2001-03 with Texas, then hip surgery that sidelined him until May. He has a chance to end the year with a championship ring and a new reputation.

Edge: World Series experience gives Feliz the nod over A-Rod ... uh, no. Yankees.

Catcher

Phillies: Carlos Ruiz. Appreciated by teammates for his game-calling and solid defense, "Chooch" has proven to be a tough out at the plate the past two Octobers. Batting at the bottom of the lineup, he hit .346 with a home run and seven RBIs during the NL playoffs this year. He also batted .313 in the 2008 NLCS and .375 with a homer and four walks in the World Series victory over Tampa Bay.

Yankees: Jorge Posada. A key member of the Yankees' old guard that dates to the 1990s dynasty, the 38-year-old Posada is a sometimes-fiery leader who provides rare power and offensive production for a catcher. The switch-hitter returned from offseason shoulder surgery to hit .285 with 22 homers and 81 RBIs this year. He's patient at the plate, but his defense behind it is a question mark.

Edge: Yankees.

Left field

Phillies: Ben Francisco. Acquired from Cleveland in the July trade that brought ace pitcher Cliff Lee to the Phillies, Francisco has spent most of his time with Philadelphia on the bench. But because there's a designated hitter in the AL park, he's expected to start the World Series opener against lefty CC Sabathia. By making regular left fielder Raul Ibanez the DH, manager Charlie Manuel can get Francisco's good glove and right-handed bat in the lineup. Francisco batted .257 with 15 homers and 46 RBIs this season, but is hitless in four postseason at-bats.

Yankees: Johnny Damon. Helped by hitter-friendly conditions at the new Yankee Stadium, Damon matched a career high with 24 homers this year. He also drove in 82 runs and scored 107 from the No. 2 spot in the lineup. A potential free agent after the season, the 35-year-old Damon slumped in the division series against Minnesota but came through in the ALCS against the Angels, including a go-ahead hit in the clincher. Damon can still run, though he lacks the blazing wheels he once had. His arm is one of the weakest in baseball.

Edge: Yankees.

Center field

Phillies: Shane Victorino. Another diminutive switch-hitter with speed, Victorino teams with Rollins at the top of the lineup to spark the Philadelphia offense. The Flyin' Hawaiian is a pest with occasional power, and he plays Gold Glove defense in center. He batted .361 during the playoffs with three homers, seven RBIs and eight runs.

Yankees: Melky Cabrera. Like his buddy Cano, the switch-hitting Cabrera rebounded from a 2008 slump and put together a quality season. Beaten out by Brett Gardner for a starting spot in spring training, Cabrera quickly regained his job by producing at the plate and delivering clutch hits. A versatile role player who can run and play defense, he set a career high this season with 13 homers and batted .391 in the ALCS. Not bad for a No. 9 hitter.

Edge: Phillies.

Right field

Phillies: Jayson Werth. What a player Werth has become. Hampered by an unusual wrist injury earlier in his career, he earned an everyday role after arriving in Philadelphia and enjoyed a breakout season this year. He had 36 homers, 99 RBIs and 20 stolen bases, making the All-Star team in his first full season as a regular. Long and strong at 6-foot-5 and 222 pounds, Werth provides lineup protection for Howard and has tremendous power to all fields. He batted .281 with five homers and 10 RBIs in nine playoff games this year.

Yankees: Nick Swisher. The effervescent switch-hitter brought his bubbly personality into New York's staid clubhouse and fit in just fine. Obtained in an offseason trade with the Chicago White Sox, he took over full-time in right field when Xavier Nady went down with an early-season elbow injury. Swisher was productive all year, contributing 29 homers, 82 RBIs and 97 walks from the No. 8 spot in the lineup. But he went 4 for 32 (.125) with one RBI in the playoffs.

Edge: Phillies.

Designated hitter

Phillies: Raul Ibanez. A free-agent find last winter, the 37-year-old Ibanez has flourished in Philadelphia after 13 seasons in the American League with Seattle and Kansas City. He set a career high with 34 homers, batting .272 with 93 RBIs. A steady and professional producer for years, Ibanez uses the whole field. He is hitting .226 with a homer and nine RBIs in the postseason.

Yankees: Hideki Matsui. Strictly a DH these days because of balky knees, Godzilla can still hit. He batted .274 with 28 homers and 90 RBIs this season, and his professional approach from the left side of the plate always makes him a tough out in key situations — even against left-handed pitching. The 35-year-old Matsui, in the final year of his contract, batted .233 with a homer and five RBIs in the playoffs.

Edge: Phillies, in a close call.

Starting pitchers

Phillies: The acquisitions of Lee and Pedro Martinez, signed in mid-July, transformed Philadelphia's pitching staff. Lee gave the Phillies an ace to go with last year's No. 1 starter, Cole Hamels, who hasn't been able to recapture his dominant form from last October. The 2008 NLCS and World Series MVP, Hamels went 10-11 with a 4.32 ERA this season and then 1-1 with a 6.75 ERA in three playoff starts that covered only 14$^{2}/_{3}$ innings. Martinez, who turned 38 on Sunday, pitched well down the stretch and threw seven scoreless innings of two-hit ball against the Dodgers in his only playoff start. Lee was 2-0 with a 0.74 ERA in three playoff starts spanning 24$^{1}/_{3}$ innings. The left-hander could pitch three times in the series if Philadelphia chooses to use him on short rest. With the Indians, he won the first game at the new Yankee Stadium this year. Right-hander Joe Blanton and rookie lefty J.A. Happ, mostly used in relief during the playoffs, give the Philadelphia rotation more depth than many realize.

Yankees: Sabathia came to New York as a free agent last winter, signing a $161 million, seven-year contract. He was a workhorse during the season and has really proved his worth in October, putting past playoff failures with Cleveland and Milwaukee behind him by going 3-0 with a 1.19 ERA in three starts. The ALCS MVP struck out 20 and walked three in 22$^{2}/_{3}$ innings. He will be well-rested for a Game 1 start against Lee because the Yankees wrapped up the ALCS in six games. Sabathia and Lee, former teammates with the Indians, are the past two AL Cy Young Award winners. New York used a three-man rotation in the first two rounds and seems to be leaning that way for the World Series, too. That means A.J. Burnett and 37-year-old Andy Pettitte might be called on to pitch on three days' rest, as Sabathia did once in the ALCS. Otherwise, it's possible right-hander Chad Gaudin will make a start. Pettitte is a postseason pro, with a record 16 wins. Burnett, pitching in the postseason for the first time, did not receive a decision in three playoff starts. The left arms of Sabathia and Pettitte could help neutralize Howard, who hit .207 with six homers and 33 RBIs against lefties this season. The slugger batted .320 with 39 home runs and 108 RBIs against right-handers.

Edge: Even.

Bullpen

Phillies: A major strength during last year's championship run, the bullpen was a weakness for Philadelphia during the 2009 regular season. The unit has bounced back in October, with closer Brad Lidge leading the way. Lidge was 48 for 48 in save chances last year, including the postseason. This year, he went 0-8 with a 7.21 ERA and a major league-high 11 blown saves during the season. Two came during a three-game series at Yankee Stadium in May. But he did not allow a run in the NL playoffs, going 1-0 with three saves in five appearances covering four innings. Chad Durbin is reliable in middle relief, Ryan Madson is a durable setup man and Scott Eyre is an experienced and effective left-handed specialist. Still, this group appears vulnerable against the powerful Yankees, who made a habit of late comebacks this year.

Yankees: With a record 37 postseason saves, Mariano Rivera is the greatest closer in baseball history. At 39, he hasn't lost an inch on that nasty cutter. His looming presence in the ninth inning — sometimes earlier — gives New York an advantage in the bullpen over anybody, anytime. But getting to Rivera is always the issue. The conversion of Phil Hughes from starter to super setup man was a key development this season, yet Hughes struggled in the playoffs. Joba Chamberlain, an inconsistent starter all season, is back in the bullpen, providing a power arm and more depth. Left-handers Phil Coke and Damaso Marte could be crucial against a Philadelphia lineup loaded with left-hander power. Alfredo Aceves is versatile and David Robertson has been effective. Still, trusting anyone other than Rivera in an important situation might be difficult for manager Joe Girardi.

Edge: Yankees.

Bench

Phillies: Greg Dobbs and Matt Stairs are the best bats off the bench for Philadelphia, both from the left side. They can be dangerous. Veteran infielders Eric Bruntlett and Miguel Cairo are available, and Paul Bako is the backup catcher. This is far from a dazzling unit, but the Phillies don't necessarily use their bench that much, unlike other National League teams.

Yankees: A mostly experienced group that offers a little bit of everything. Gardner is a speedster who lacks power but can come off the bench to run or play defense. Jerry Hairston Jr. is versatile, and he helped manufacture a game-winning run in the playoffs. Defensive whiz Jose Molina has been catching Burnett. New York put Freddy Guzman on the ALCS roster for pinch-running duties, but might go back to Eric Hinske in the World Series. Hinske, who offers left-handed punch, homered against Philadelphia in last year's World Series for Tampa Bay. He also made the last out.

Edge: Yankees.

Manager

Phillies: Charlie Manuel. The magic touch in Philadelphia belongs to the 65-year-old Manuel, who seems to make all the right moves — even if he doesn't explain them so clearly. Phillies players and fans alike have grown to love the folksy skipper, and his team is on the cusp of becoming the first NL squad to win consecutive World Series titles since Cincinnati in 1975-76. Manuel has done an admirable job with a pitching staff that was in flux for much of the season. But really he's a hitting guru — and his club most definitely hits.

Yankees: Joe Girardi. The 2006 NL Manager of the Year with Florida, the 45-year-old Girardi is in his second season at the helm in New York. This is his first postseason as a manager, but the former catcher had plenty of October experience during his playing days — including three championships with the Yankees from 1996-99. Intent on fostering camaraderie, he guided his $201 million roster to a major league-best 103 wins this season. Criticized of overmanaging, the detail-oriented Girardi has looked and sounded tight at times in this postseason. There's a lot of pressure when you're supposed to win. But so far, he's done exactly that.

Edge: Phillies.

Pick: Phillies in 7.

Star: HRs could be key factor

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This is his first foray into baseball's big event.

"A lot of great players have never had the opportunity to play in the World Series," Rodriguez said Sunday night after the Yankees' clinching win over the Angels in Game 6 of the AL championship series.

"It's been a dream of mine since I was a 5-year-old boy to play in the World Series. In order to win the World Series, you have to get there and we've done that now," he said.

It's a power-packed matchup, marking the first time since 1926 the World Series pits the teams that finished 1-2 in the majors in home runs, according to STATS LLC. Back then, Babe Ruth and the Yankees led with 121, followed by St. Louis with 90.

This year, Mark Teixeira and the Yankees hit 244 and the Phillies tied with Texas at 224.

Add in two homer-friendly parks, along with the teams that led their leagues in runs, and runs could flow. Then again, everyone knows that pitching rules the postseason — neither Manuel nor Yankees manager Joe Girardi has announced his plans, though New York seems to be leaning toward a three-man rotation of Sabathia, A.J. Burnett and Pettitte.

But what about Brad Lidge? A postseason star last year, the Phillies reliever was a bust this season. That is, until this October — he was the only closer in the playoffs who did not give up a run.

Also worth watching: the forecast.

After last year's World Series ended with a game suspended two days because of rain, more wet weather might be on the way.

AccuWeather.com said a storm was headed toward the Bronx and predicted rain and temperatures in the mid-50s for Game 1, with the drizzle possibly lingering for Game 2 Thursday night.

The first World Series game at the new, $1.5 billion Yankee Stadium will be played across the street from the old ballpark, where a record 26 championship banners flew.

"There's definitely a special mystique when you walk into Yankee Stadium, new or old," Phillies outfielder Jayson Werth said. "It's the cathedral of baseball, where everybody wanted to play as a kid."

AP Sports Writer Rob Maaddi in Philadelphia contributed to this report.

World Series

PHILADELPHIA vs. N.Y. Yankees

Wednesday: Philadelphia (Lee 7-4) at New York (Sabathia 19-8)

Thursday: Philadelphia (P. Martinez 11-11) at New York (TBD)

Saturday: New York at Philadelphia

Sunday, Nov. 1: New York at Philadelphia

Monday, Nov. 2: New York at Philadelphia*

Wednesday, Nov. 4: Philadelphia at New York*

Thursday, Nov. 5: Philadelphia at New York.*

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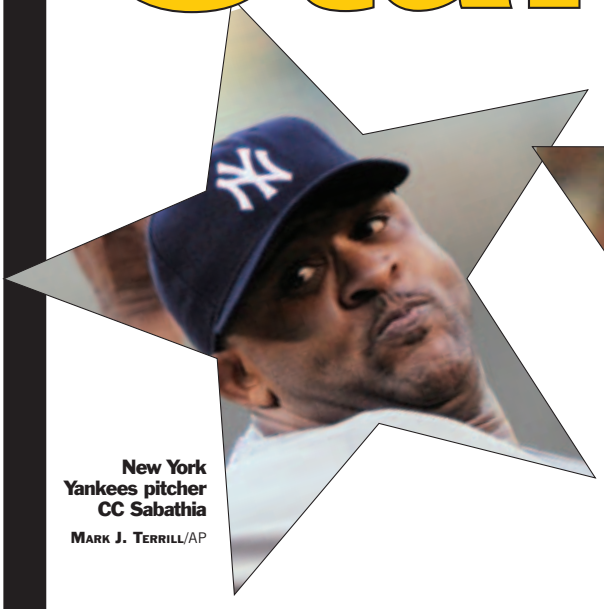

New York Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia
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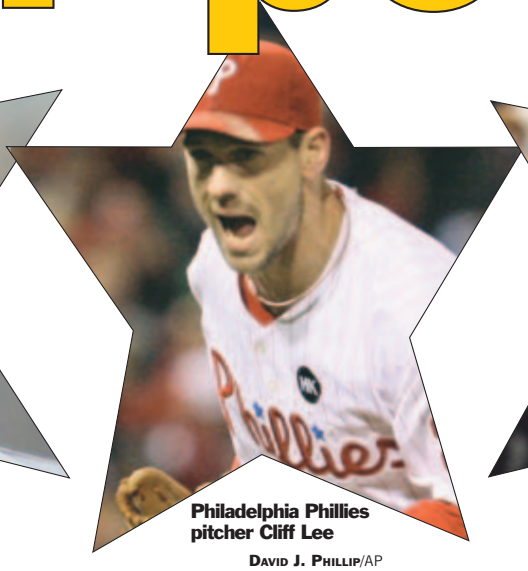

Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Cliff Lee
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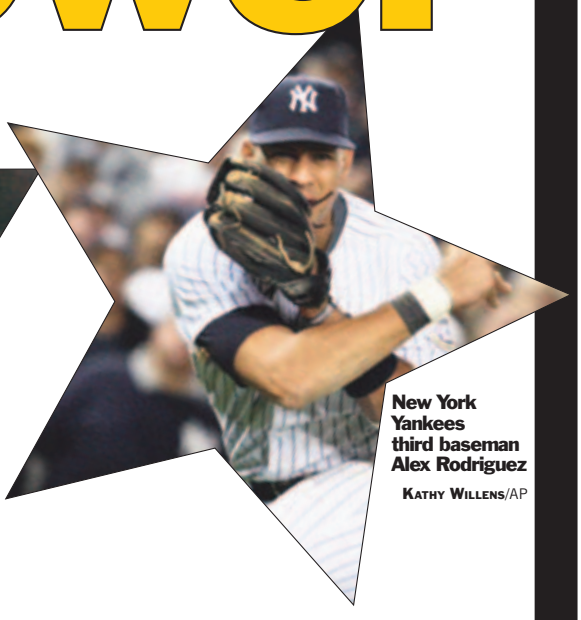

New York Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez
KATHY WILLENS/AP

Cy Young winners, MVPs headline rich Series' rosters

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

All-Stars at most spots, mixed in with MVPs and Cy Young winners. A rich roster, full of World Series success.

NEW YORK

So how come the defending champion Philadelphia Phillies are such underdogs?

Probably because they're facing the team that has defined championship baseball for so long.

Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees, hope to include Alex Rodriguez in a full-throttle celebration this postseason.

A pair of franchises separated by a 90-minute ride on the New Jersey Turnpike, with no real rivalry to speak of despite their century-long histories.

That could all change starting Wednesday night. Ryan Howard, Jimmy Rollins and the Phils are set to dig in against CC Sabathia in Game 1 at Yankee Stadium.

"I think the fact that we're playing the Yankees and it's close to Philadelphia and how the fans and the media react to it and how both cities look forward to it, that puts more icing on the cake," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said Monday. "It does something for the game."

The Phillies worked out at Citizens Bank Park before hopping an Amtrak train for the hour-plus trip to Penn Station in midtown Manhattan. Whether they ride back up next week will be decided later — none of the last five World Series has lasted more than five games.

In the meantime, all aboard!

How much of the country will tune in to the all-Northeast matchup remains to be seen. The folks in Las Vegas already have taken a look — in spite of the Phillies' credentials, the Yankees are heavy 2-to-1 favorites.

Philadelphia is trying to become the NL's first repeat champion since the 1975-76 Big Red Machine in Cincinnati. The Yankees return to the Series for the first time since 2003, having last won in 2000.

Cliff Lee opens for the Phillies, hoping to continue their run that includes a five-game romp over Tampa Bay in last year's World Series. At 16-4, Philadelphia has assembled the best record over a 20-game span by an NL team in postseason history.

Manuel hasn't shown any tendency to pitch around opposing sluggers, so Lee, Cole Hamels and Pedro Martinez figure to challenge Rodriguez from the get-go. A-Rod hit .438 with five home runs and 12 RBIs through the playoffs.

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Philadelphia Phillies closer Brad Lidge
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New York Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira
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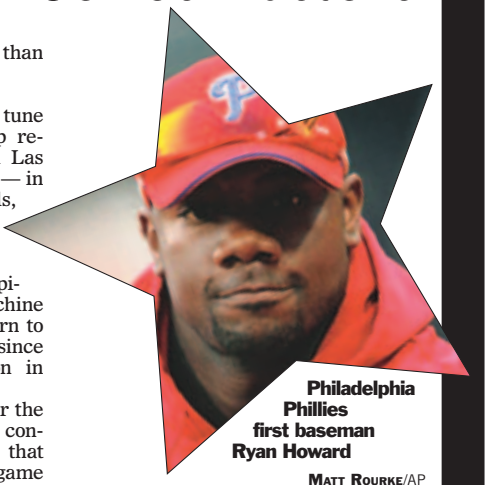

Philadelphia Phillies first baseman Ryan Howard
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